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偶然にも幸薄い少女とともに警視庁副総監誘拐に巻き込まれたユウ。犯人達の目的は?『ストレンジャース』。謎の車との事故に巻き込まれたユウの恋人ルミ。次々と事故を誘発するその車を復讐すべくユウは追う『狂魔(くるま)』。事故に見舞われた少年に輸血用の血を提供したユウ、しかしそこに新たなる悲劇が潜んでいた『スパイダーマンの影』。青春の苦悩と社会への憤り、持て余す力を手に入れた者の恍惚と恐れ、単なるヒーロー物を超越した名作をお届けします。

池上遼一
Ikegami Ryoichi

昭和19年、福井県出身。昭和36年日の丸文庫単行本『魔像』にてデビュー。昭和49年より連載の始まった『男組』(原作:雁屋 哲)が空前の大ヒットとなり、その後も『傷追い人』『Cryingフリーマン』(いずれも原作:小池一夫)と読者を魅了する作品を次々と世に送り出す。その他の主な作品『HEAT―灼熱―』(原作:武論 尊)『流月抄』(オリジナル)など。

平井和正
Hirai Kazumasa

昭和13年神奈川県出身。大学在学中の昭和36年、『殺人地帯』で作家デビュー。昭和38年、漫画原作を担当した『8マン』は、アニメのシナリオも手掛け大ヒットとなる。昭和46年に発表された『狼の紋章』から始まる『ウルフガイシリーズ』は、もう1つの代表作『幻魔大戦シリーズ』ともども、今なお多くの若者に影響を与え続けている。平成9年からは、最新作の新たなウルフガイシリーズ『月光魔術團』などをインターネット上で販売開始。現在も精力的な執筆活動を続ける。

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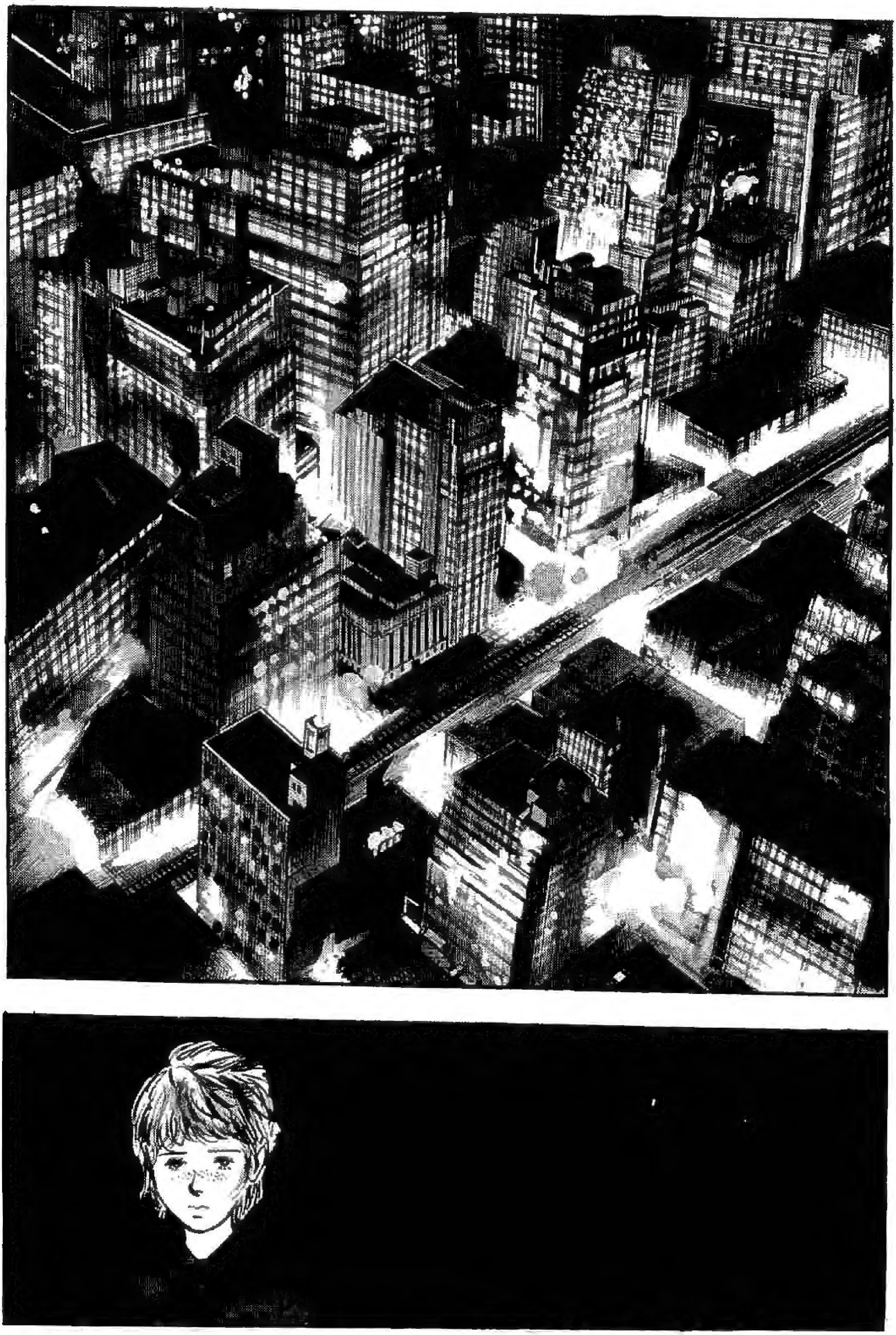

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A lonely and pitiful young woman, who had been denied all happiness...

You dumb broad! You failed again!? You're such a goddamn hillbilly!
I can't keep on carrying your dead weight! And don't give me that dissatisfied look...
If you don't like it, then quit! But it's not like you can find work anywhere else.
You're such a blockhead, you'll be fired right away wherever you go!
Stop dawdling and get back to work! Your destiny is to live a poor life shut up and looking down!
What!? You're just a dirty lice-ridden girl, and you don't want to get naked!?
Get the hell out of here!

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With hollow eyes and a hollow heart,
the girl stood in the city alone...

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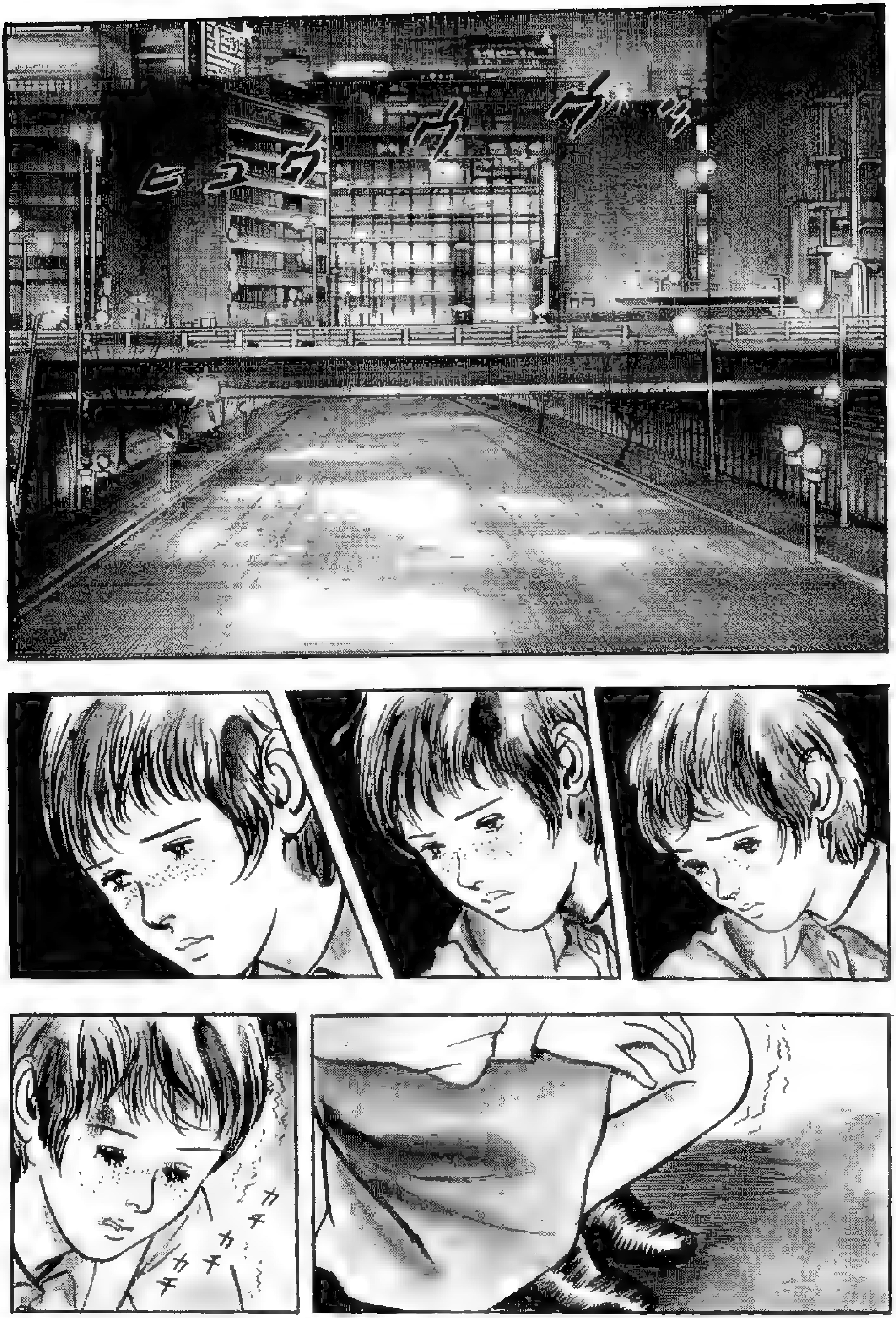
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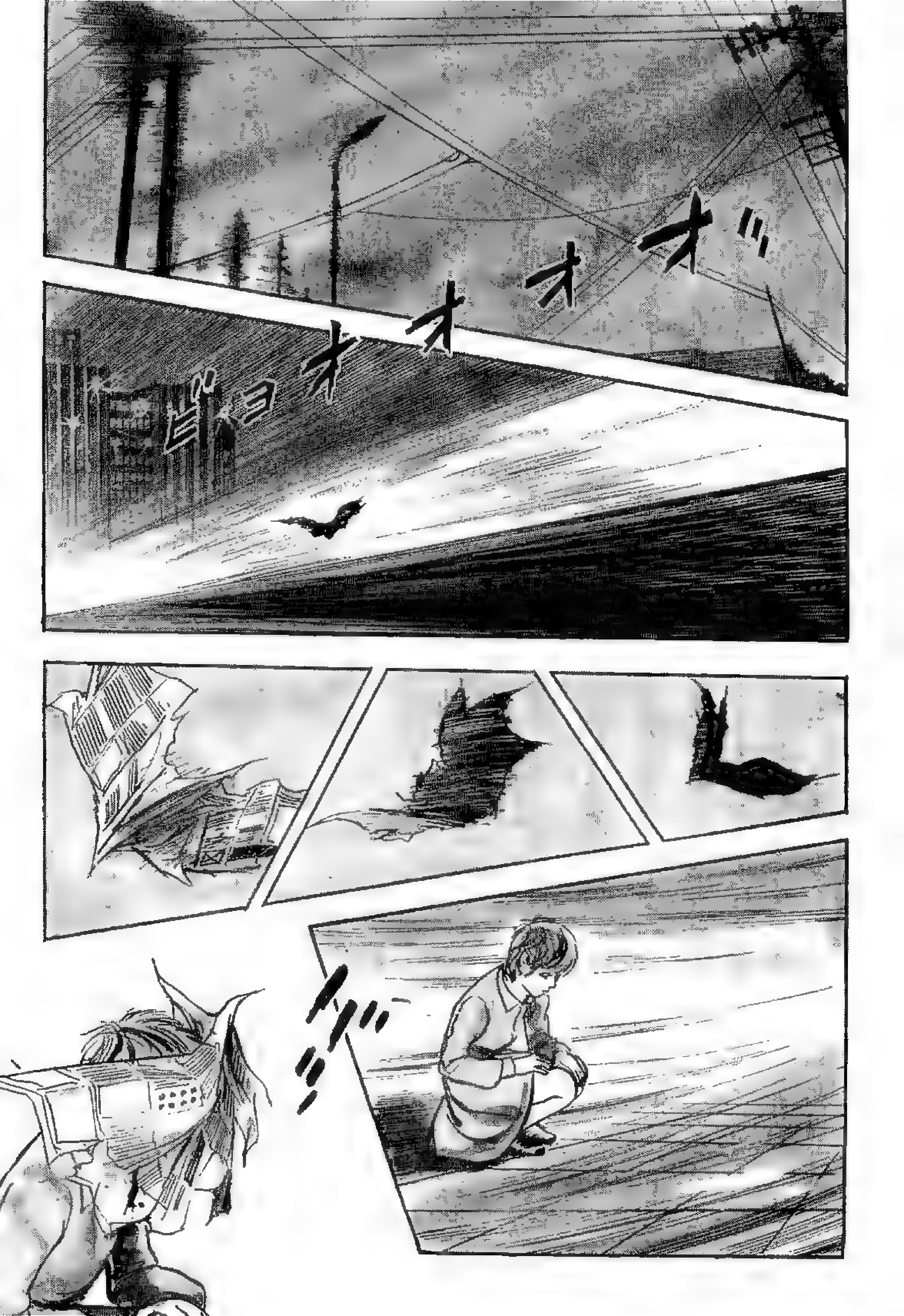
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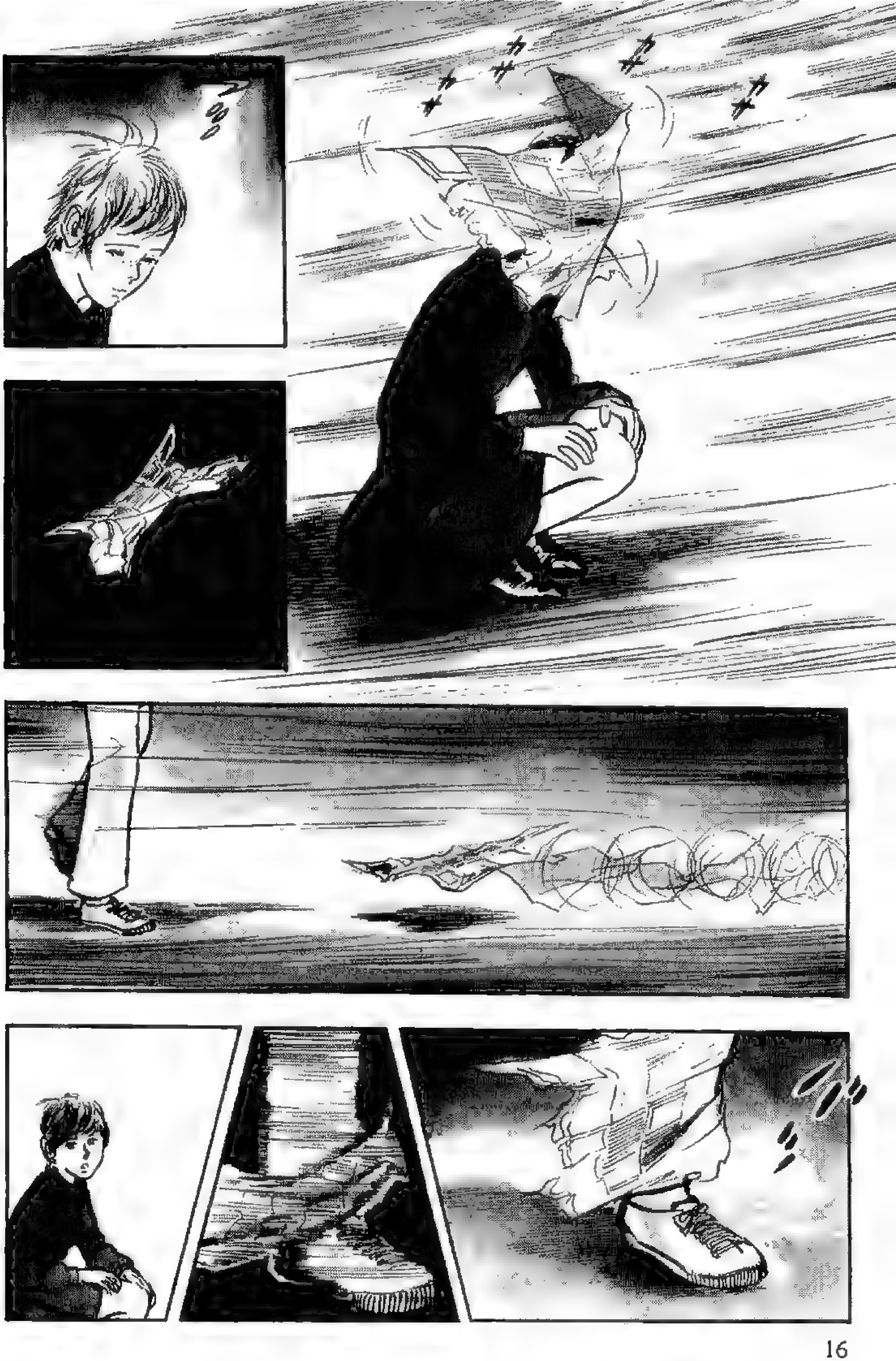
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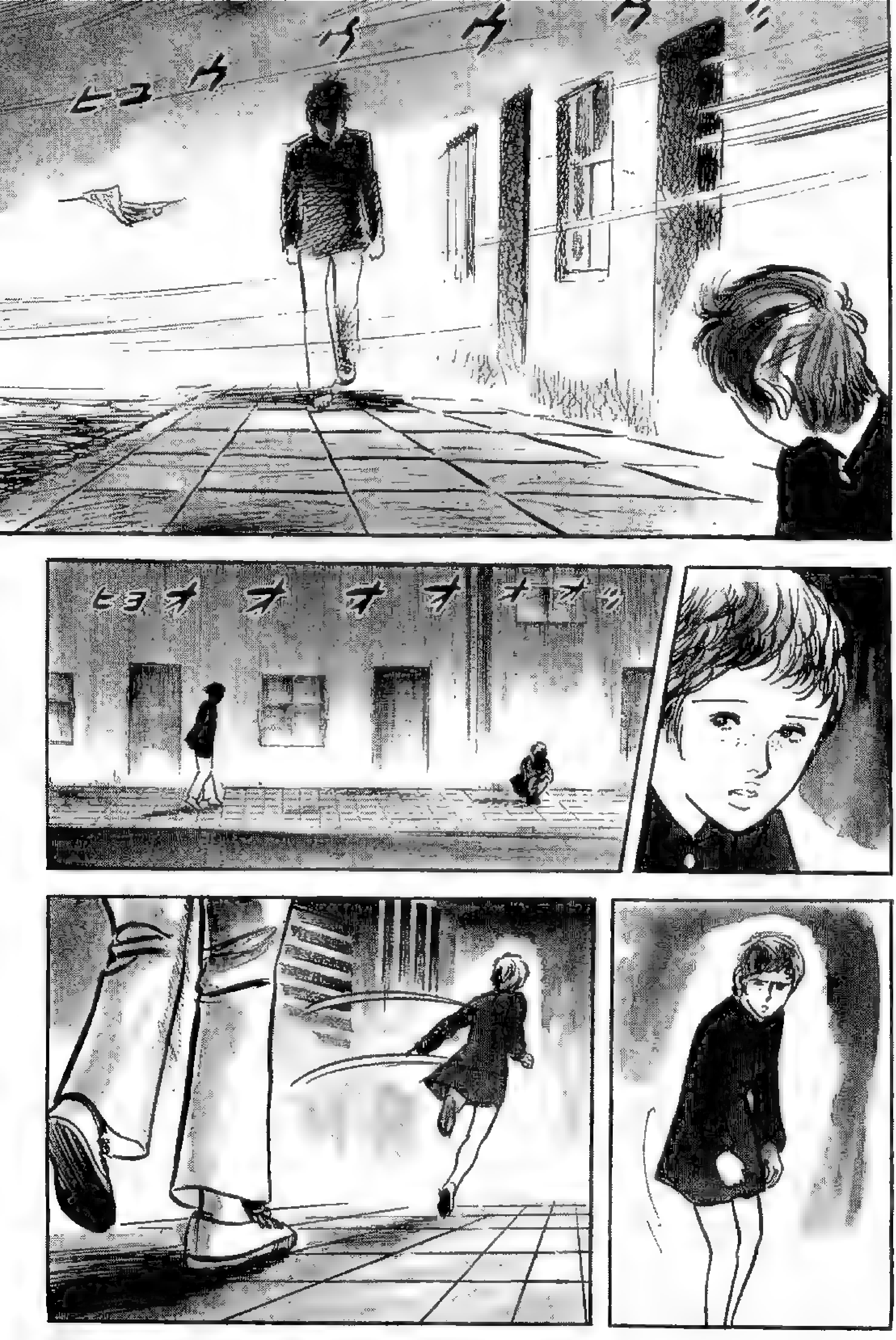
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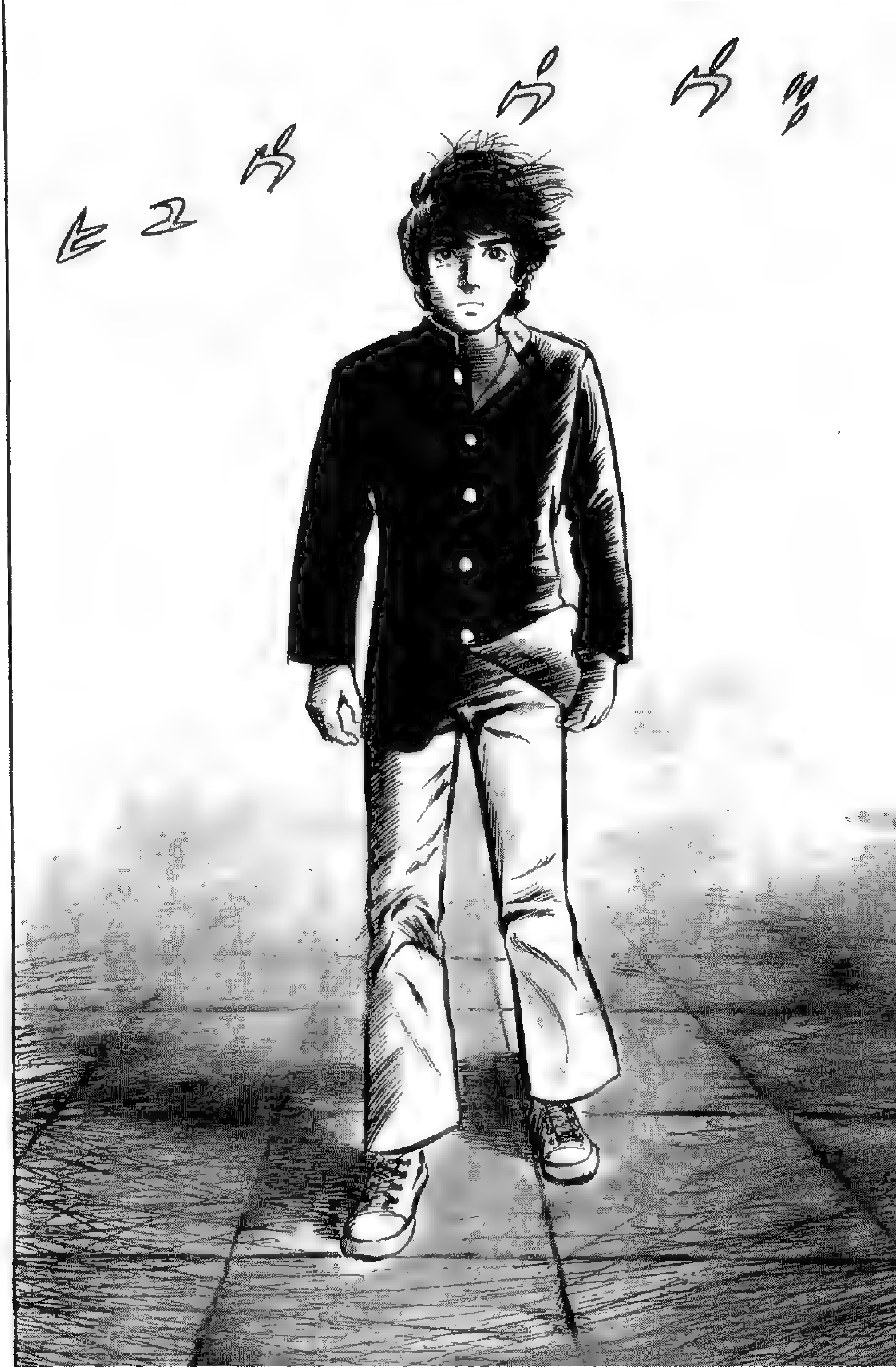
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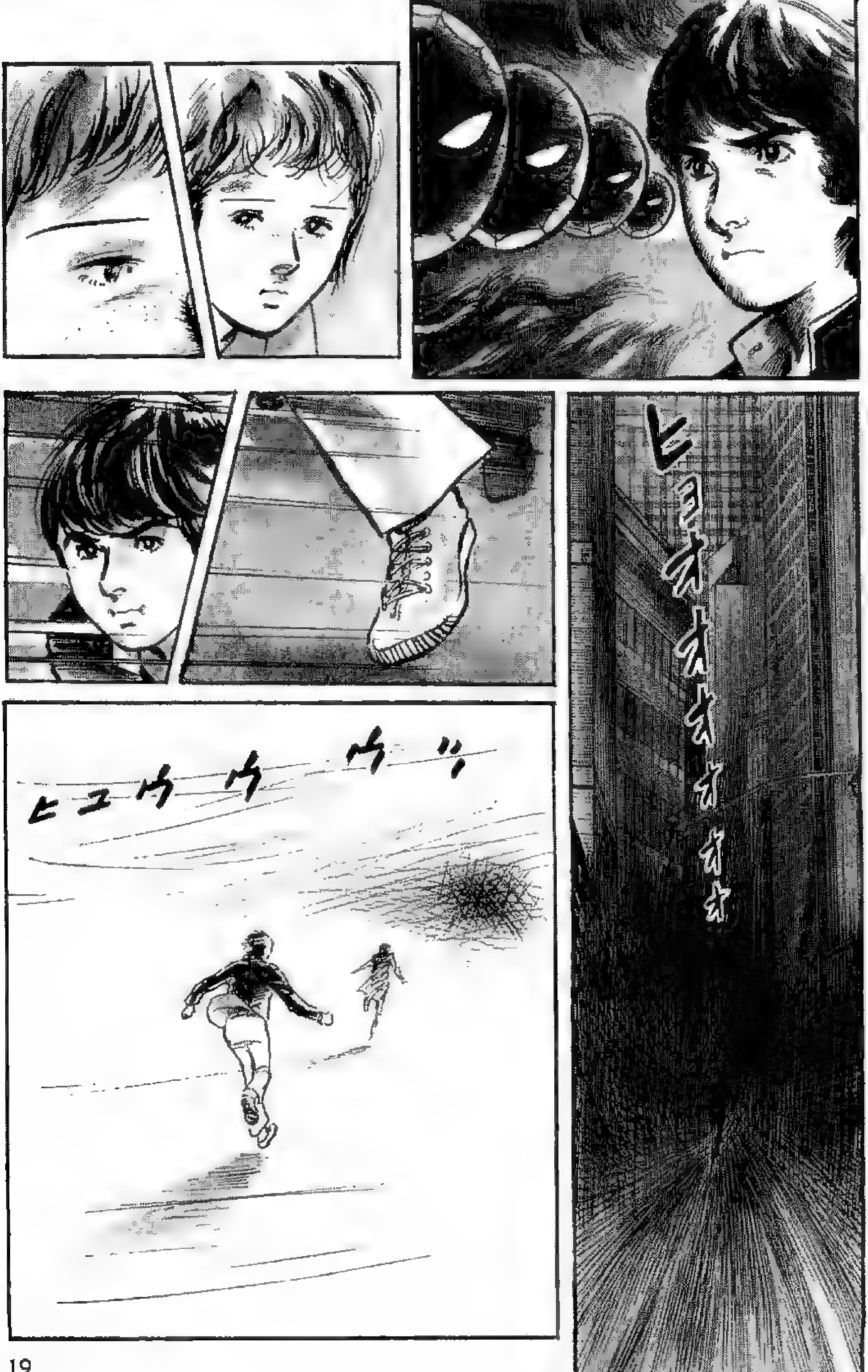
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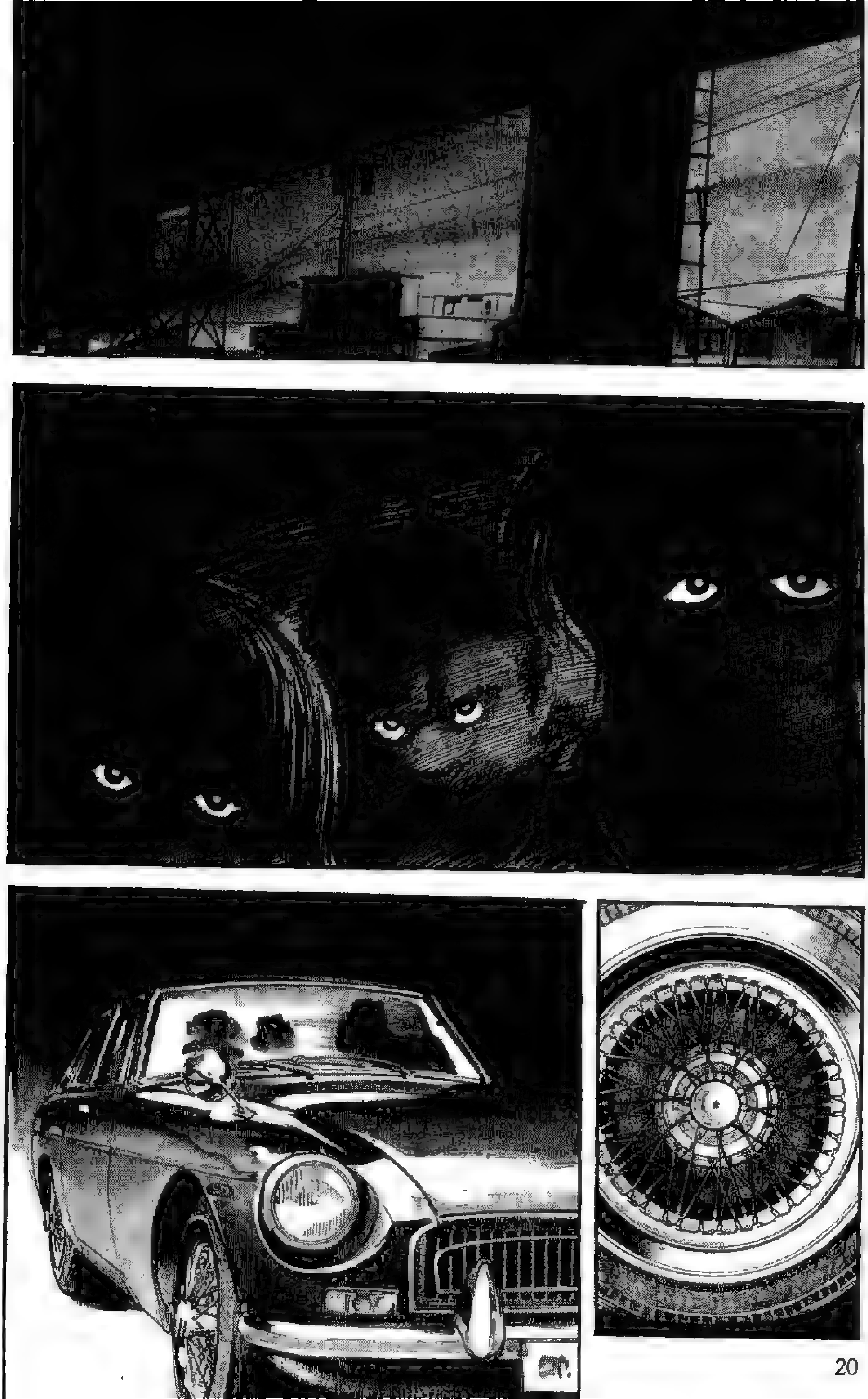

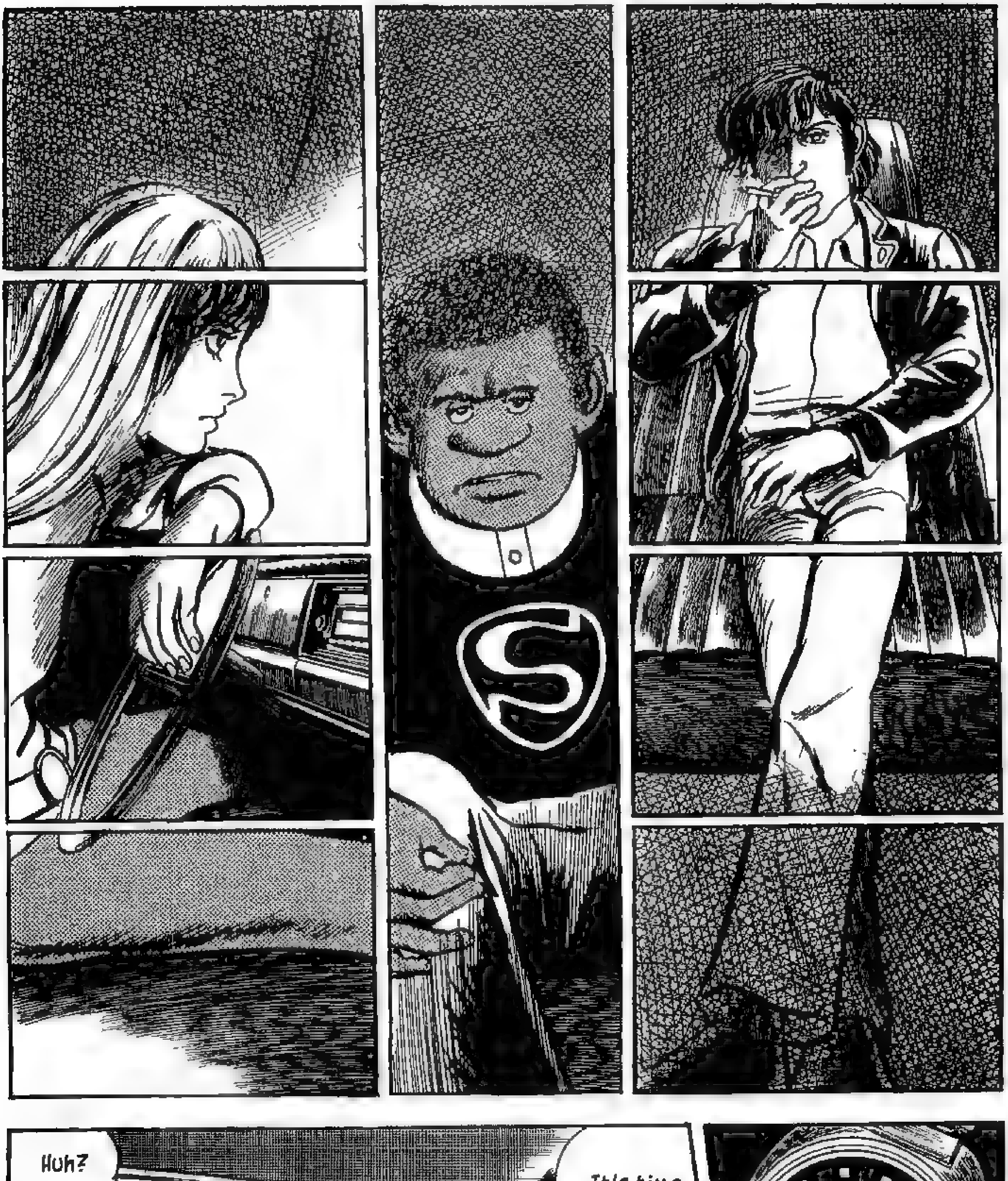
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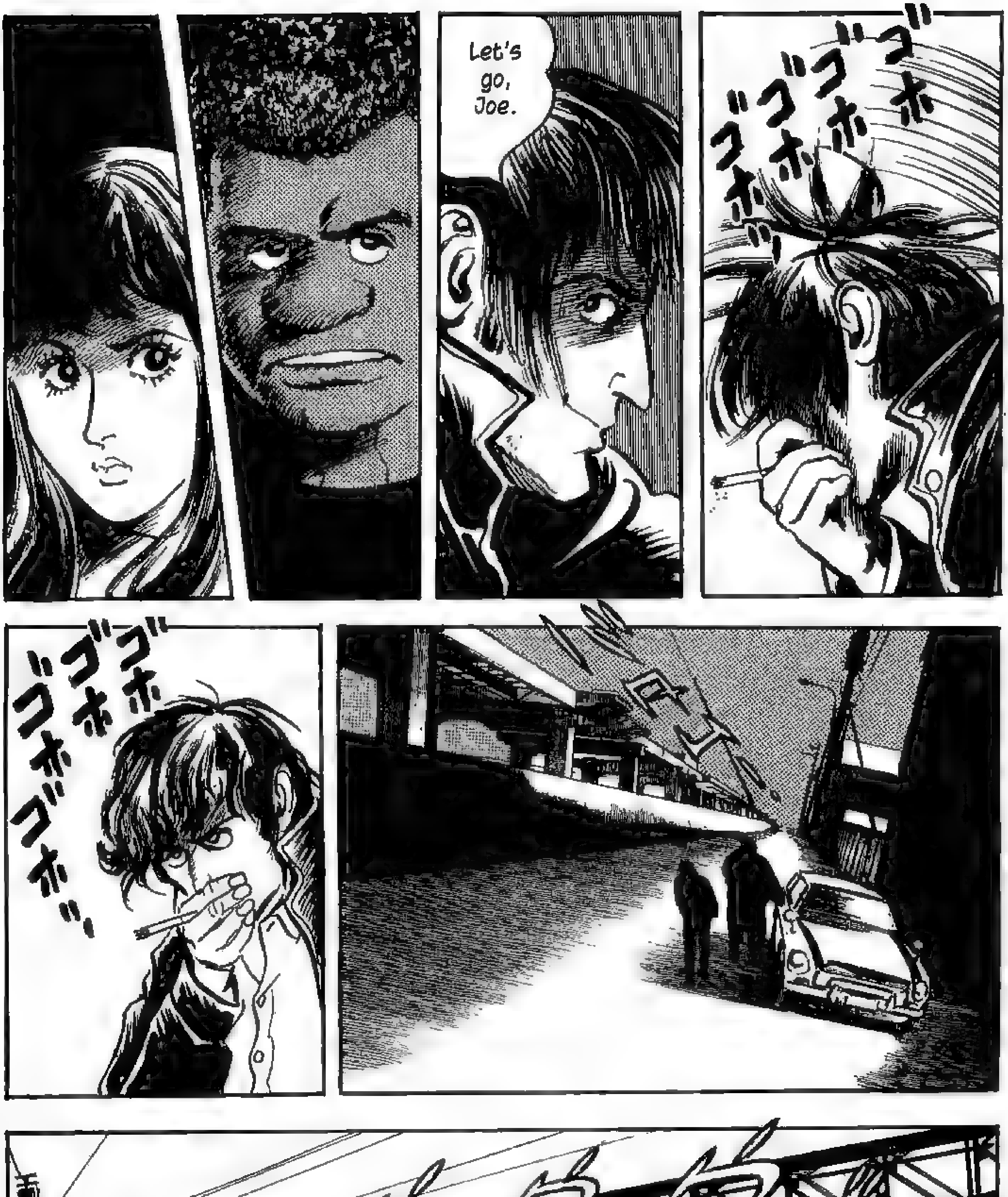
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Let's go, Joe.
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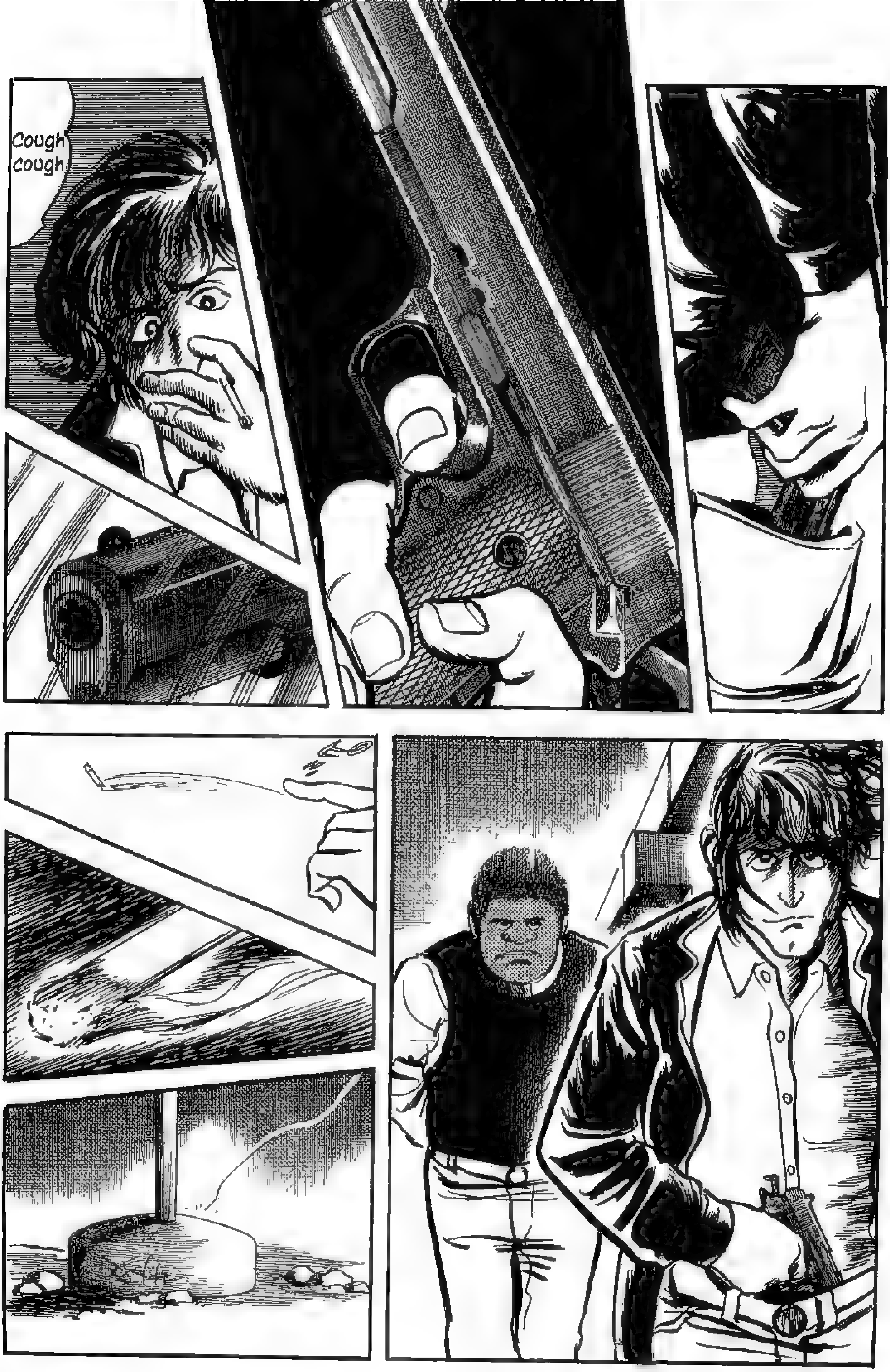
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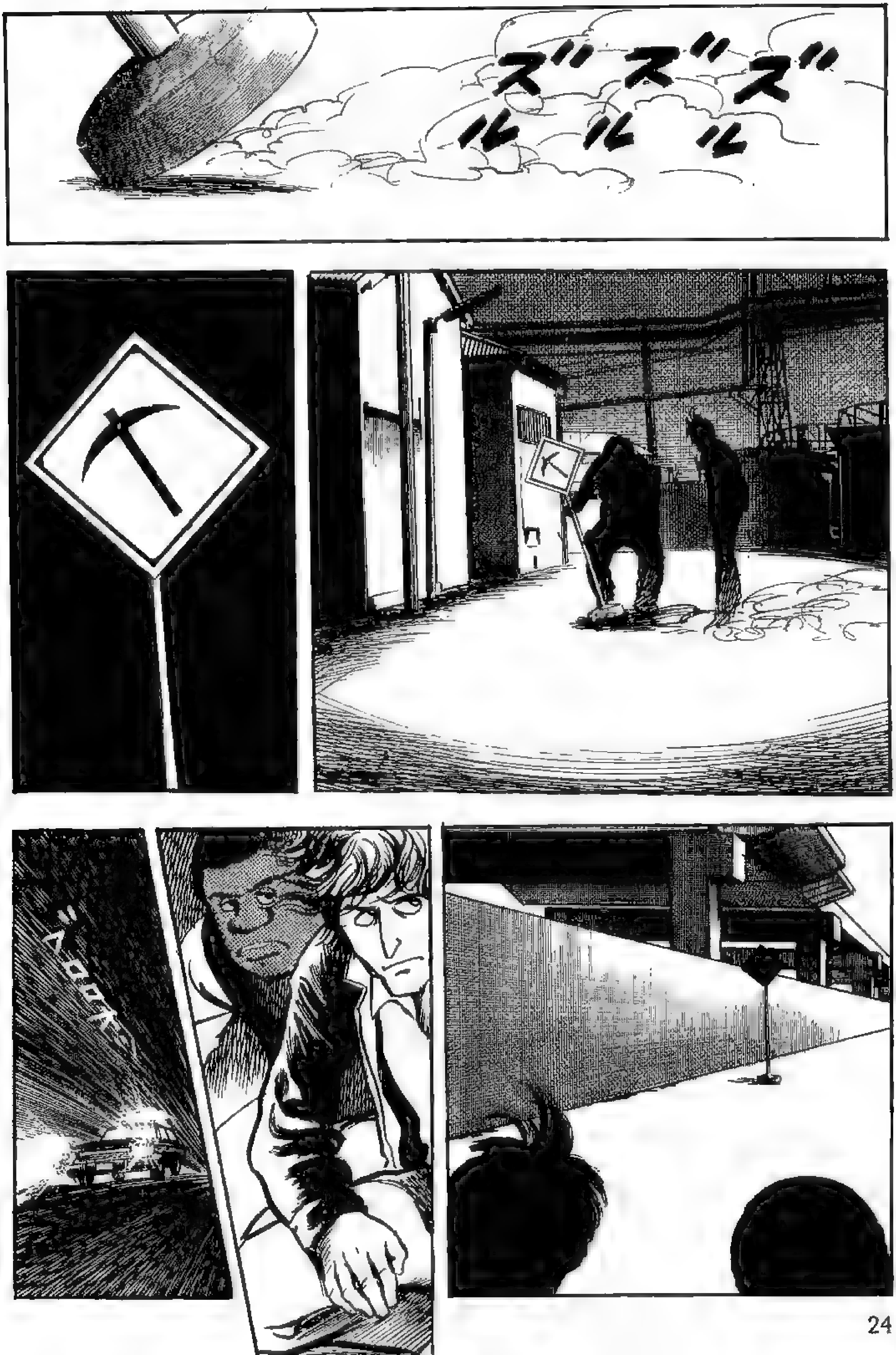
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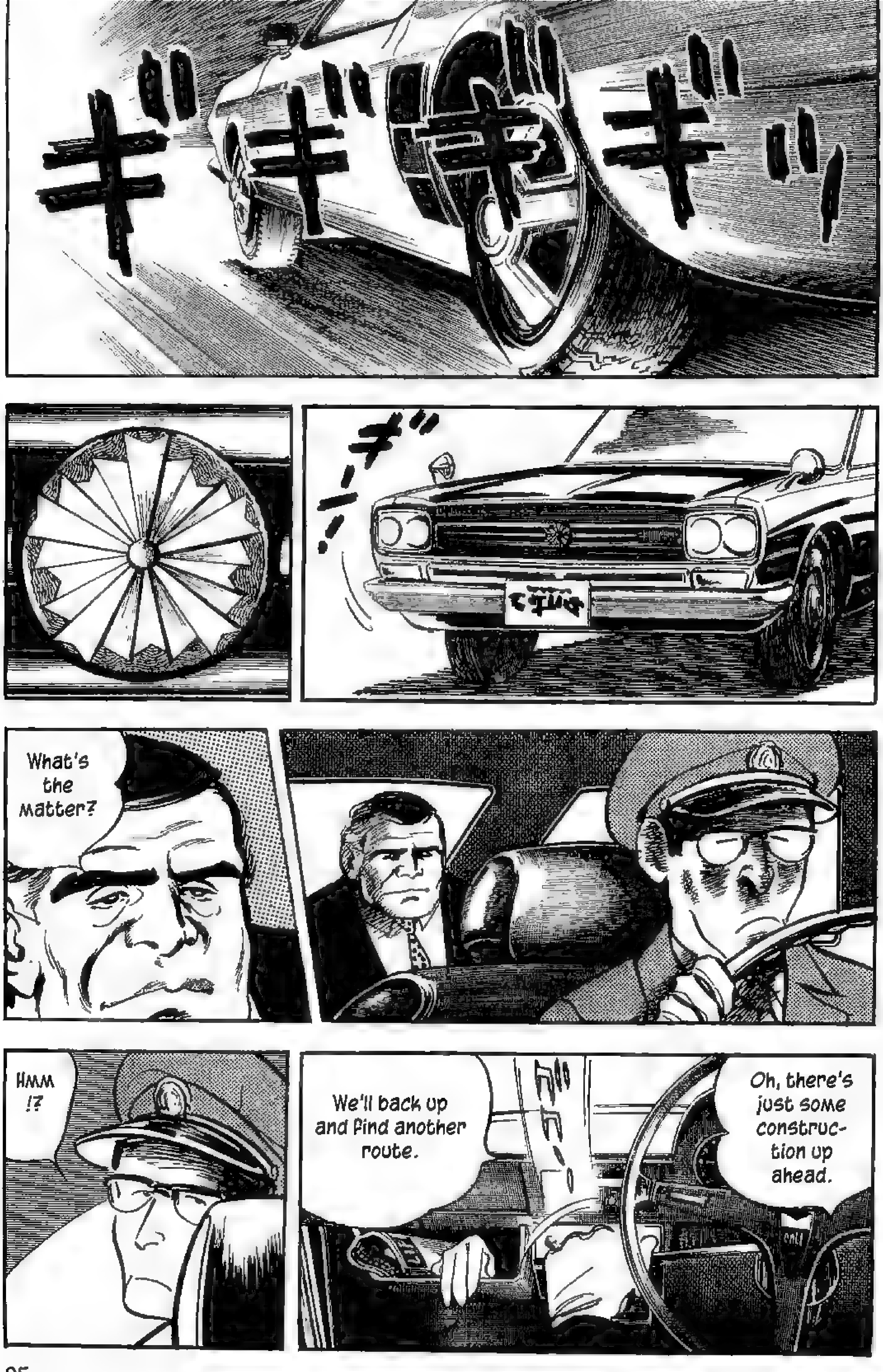
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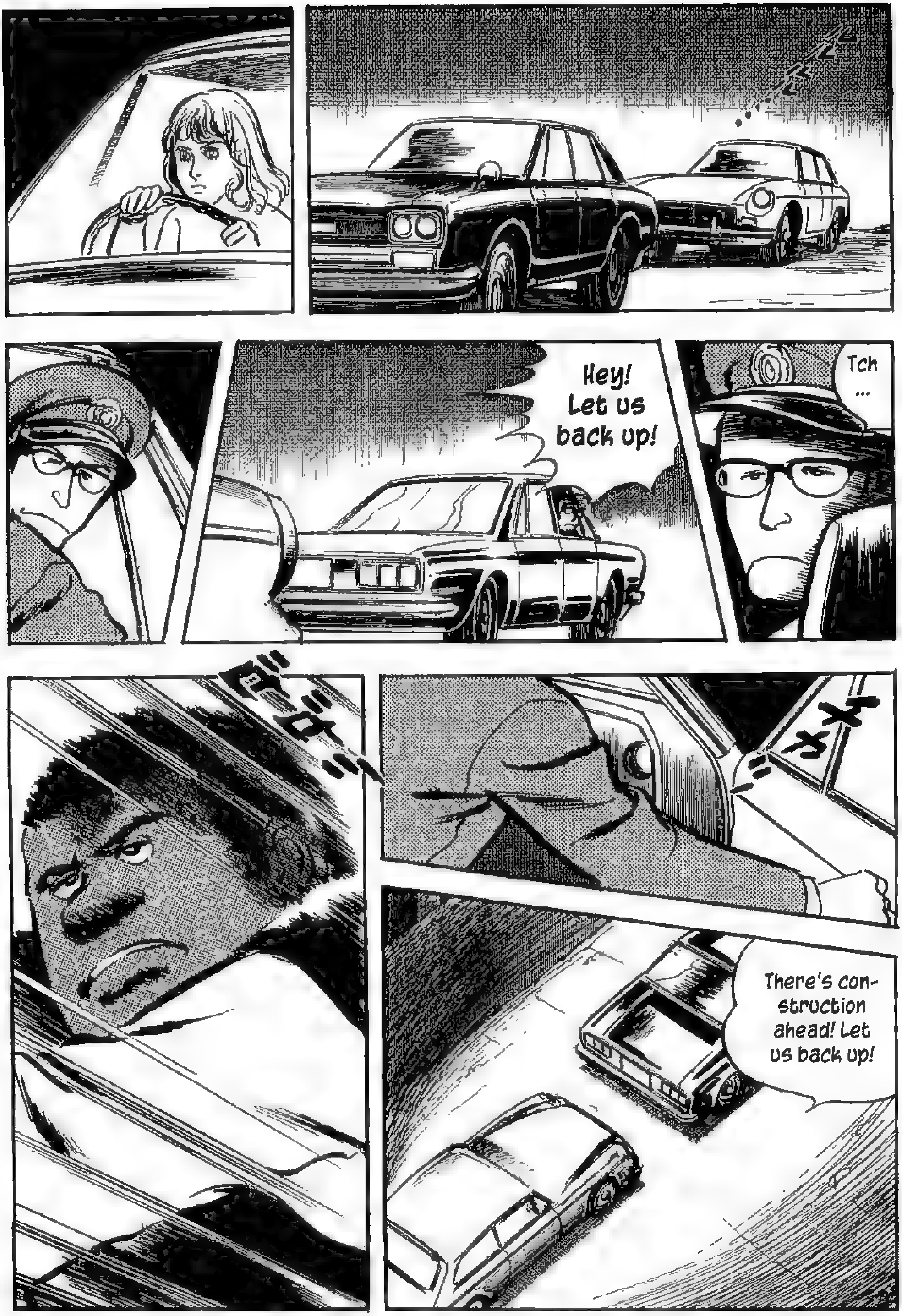
ギー!
What's the matter?
Oh, there's just some construction up ahead.
We'll back up and find another route.
HMM !?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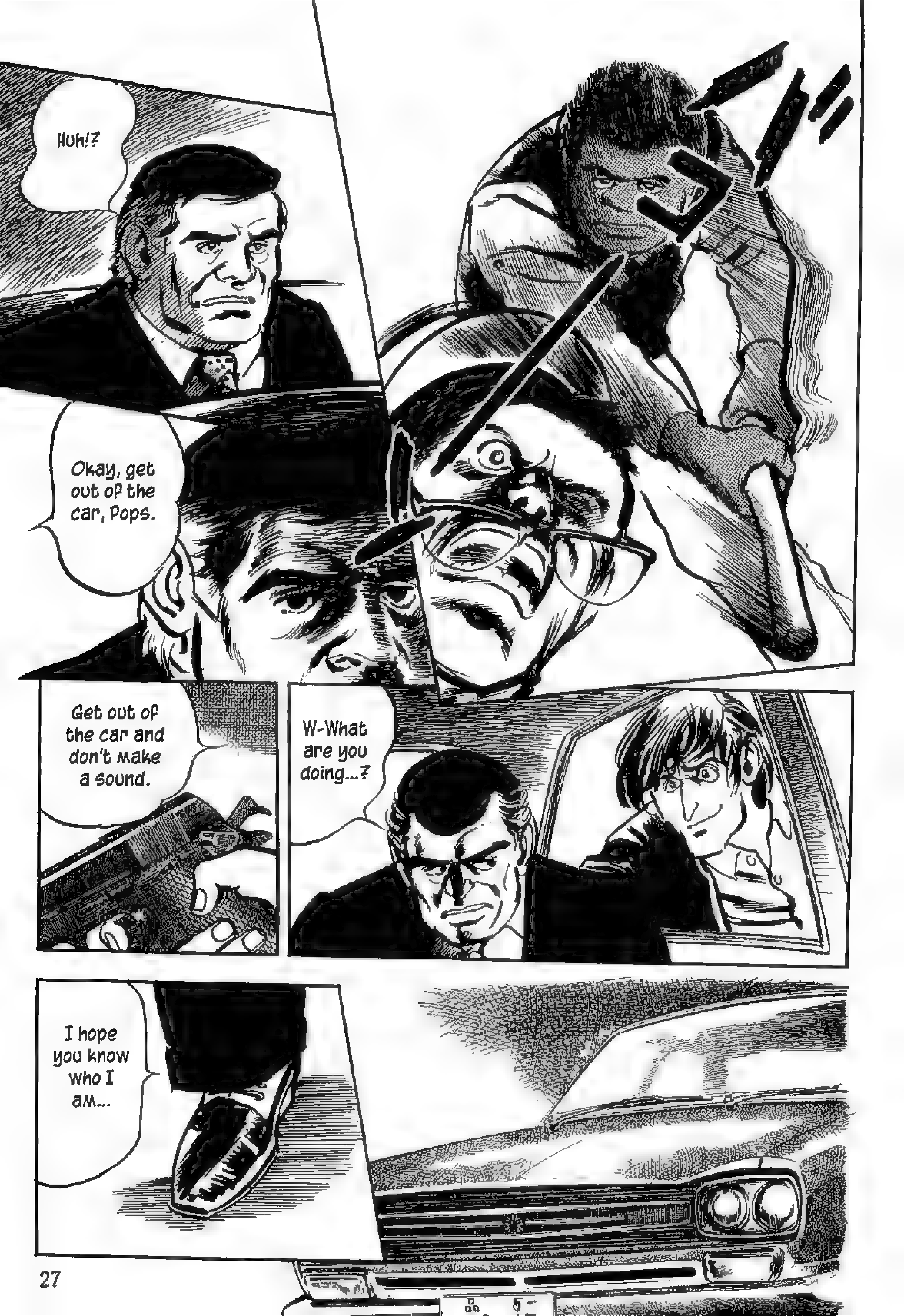
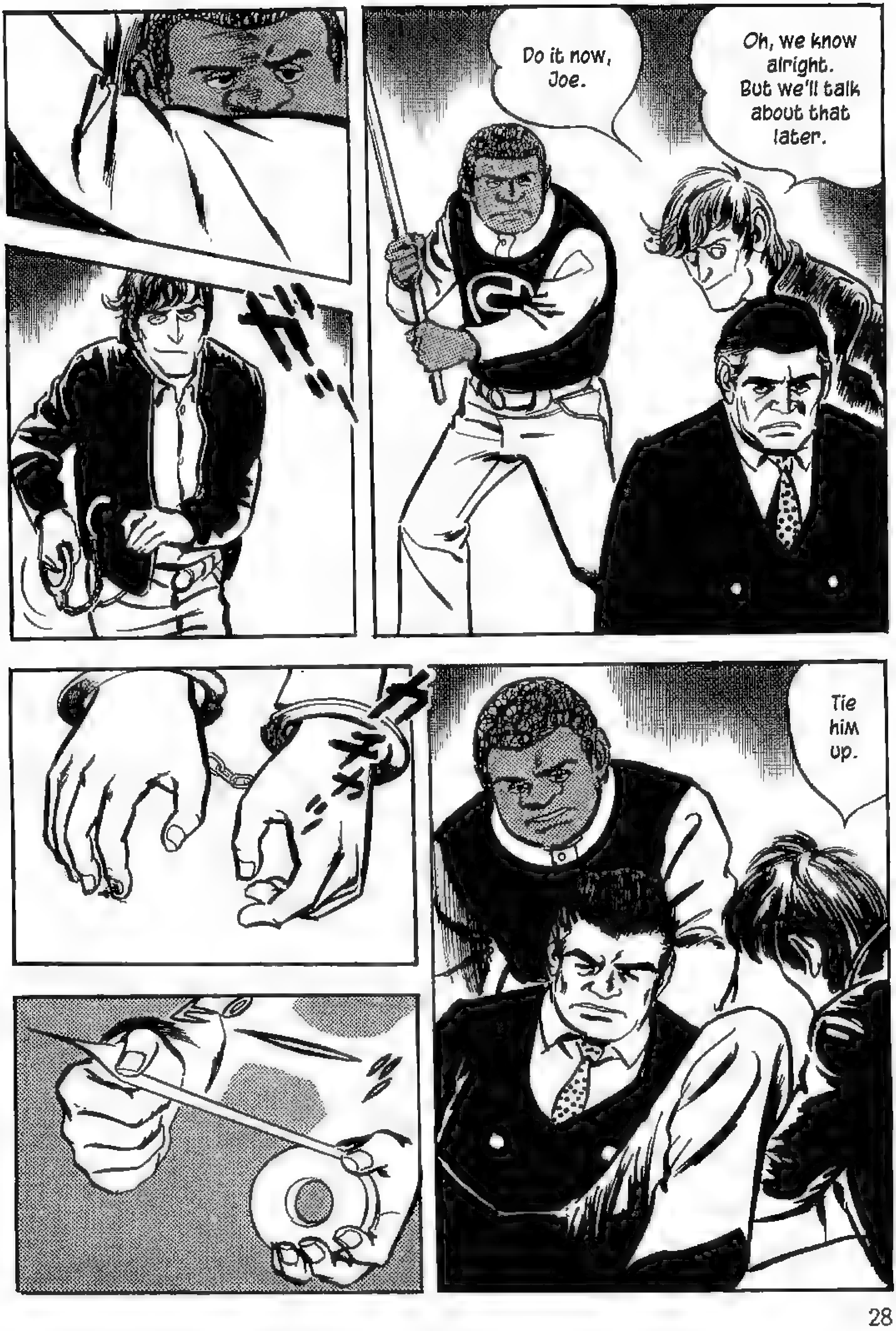
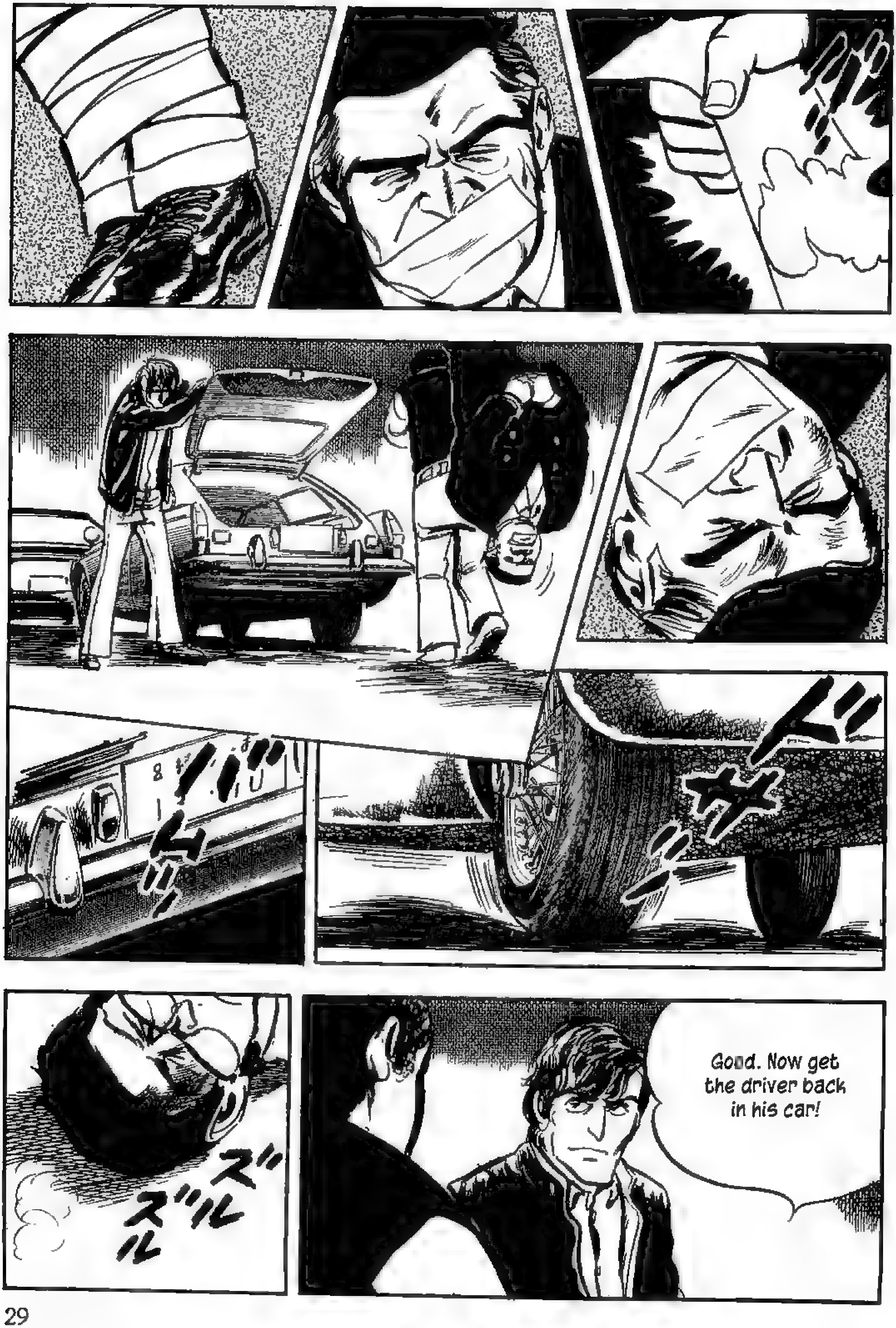
Hey! Let us back up!
There's construction ahead! Let us back up!


Huh!?
Okay, get out of the car, Pops.
Get out of the car and don't make a sound.
W-What are you doing...?
I hope you know who I am...


Do it now, Joe.
Oh, we know alright. But we'll talk about that later.
Tie him up.


Good. Now get the driver back in his car!
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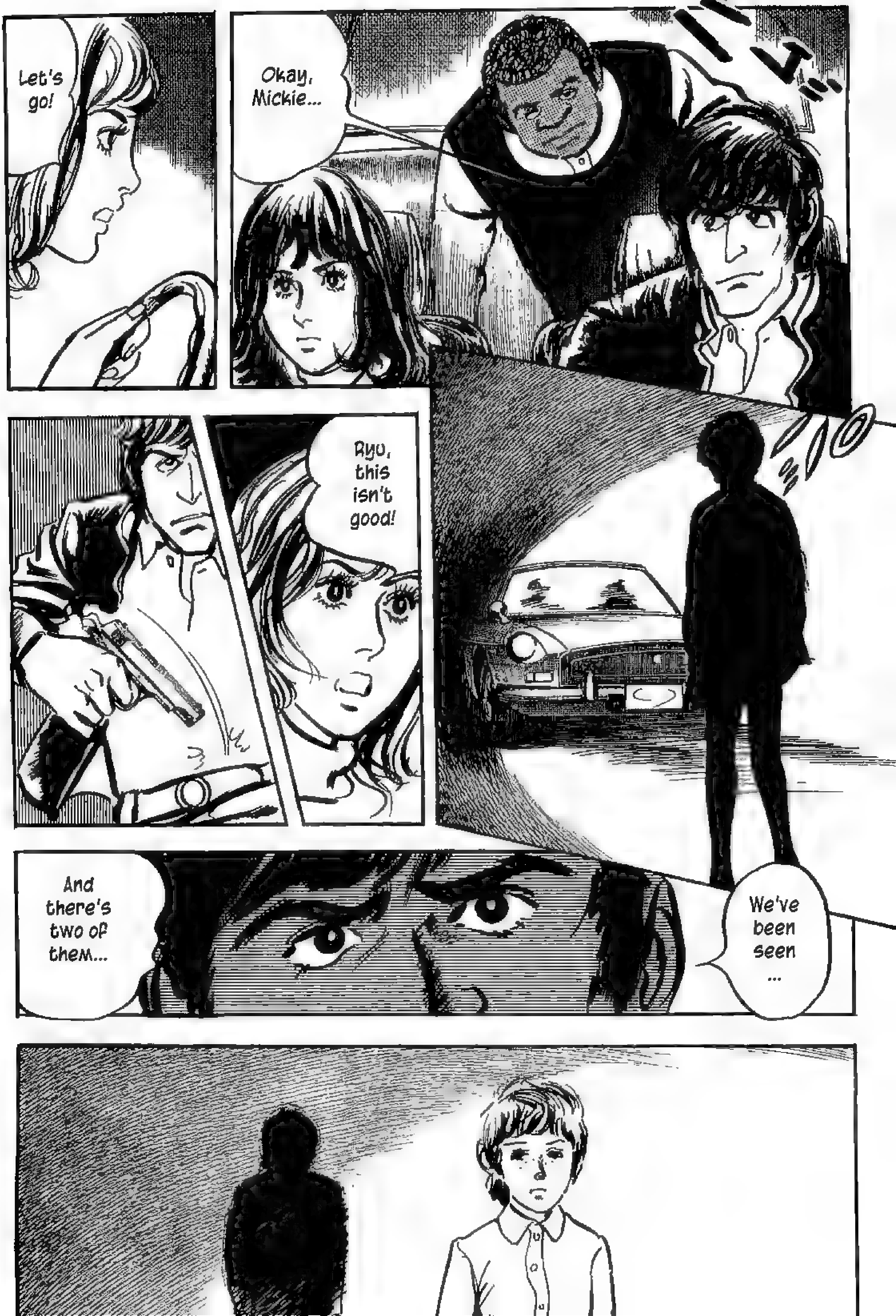
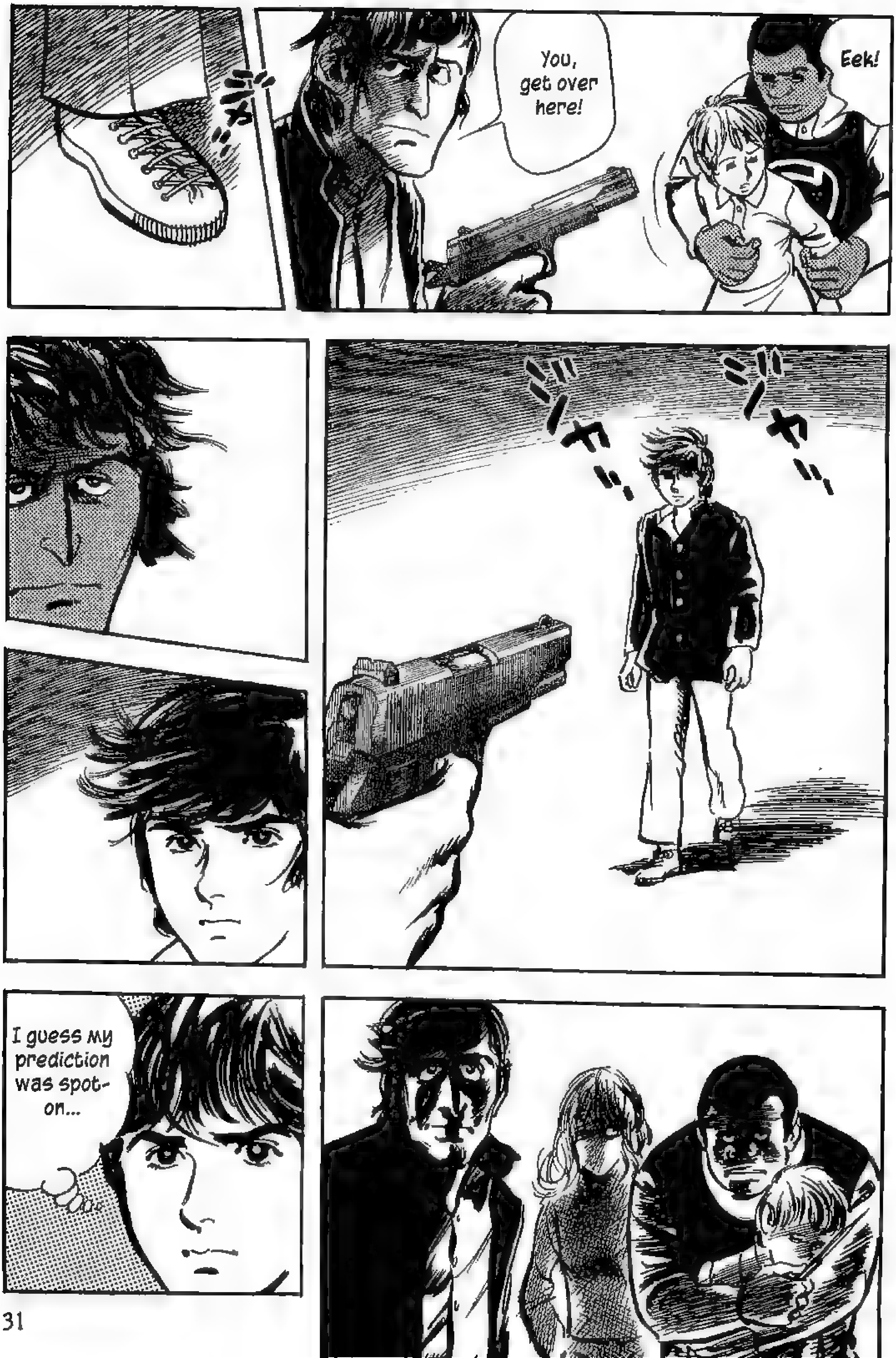
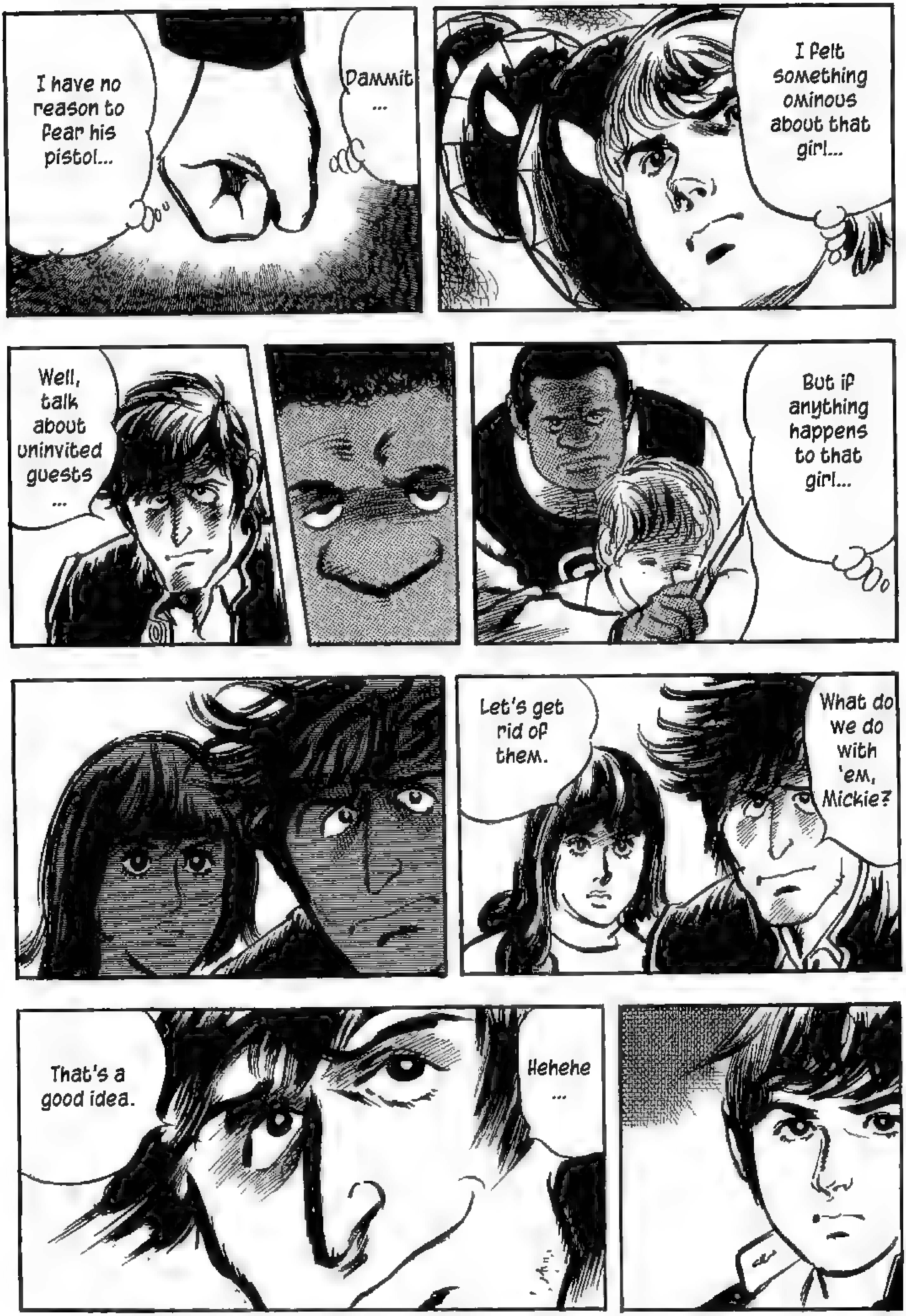
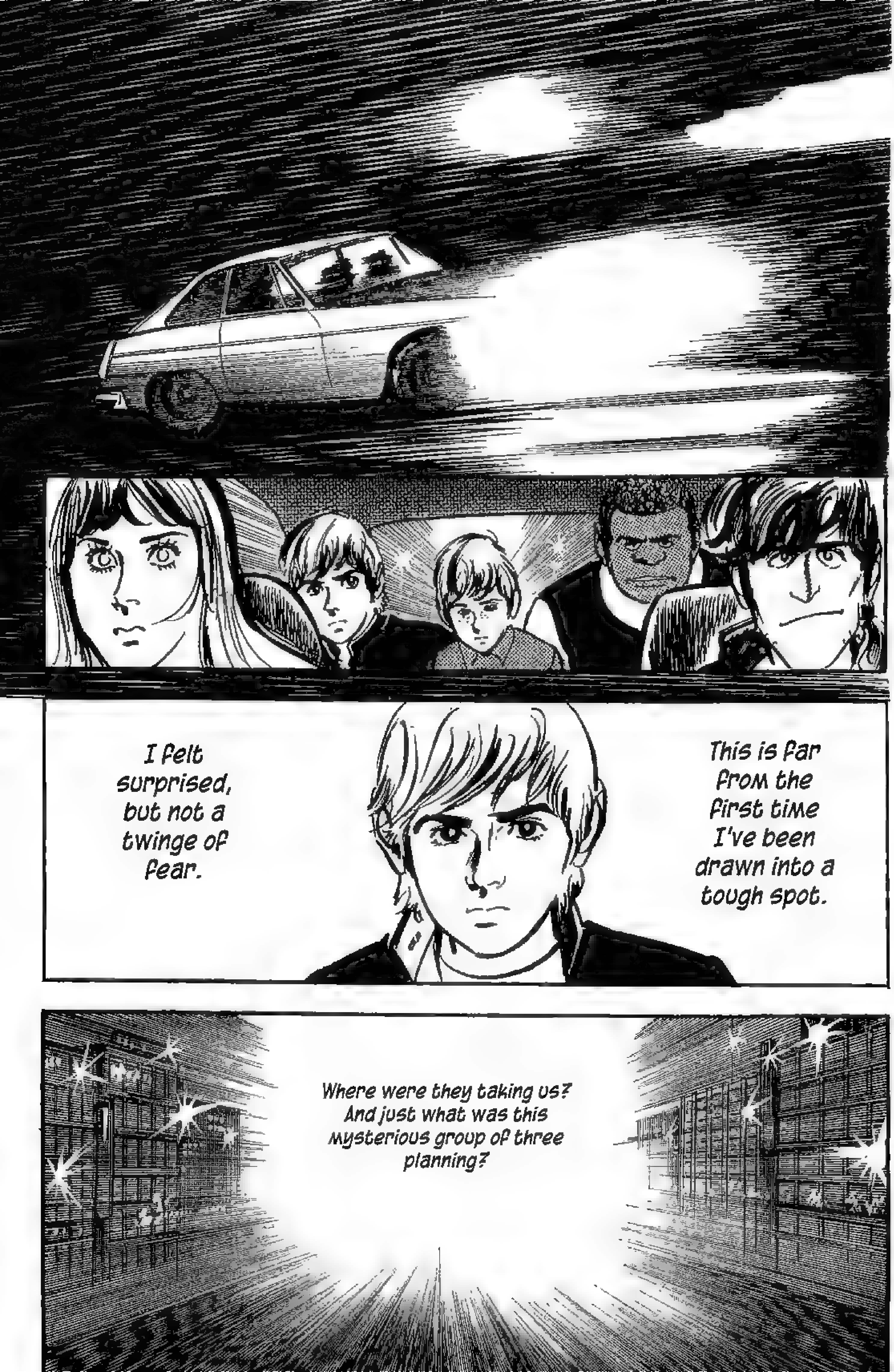

Let's go!
Okay, Mickie...
Ryo, this isn't good!
We've been seen ...
And there's two of them...


Eek!
You, get over here!
I guess my prediction was spot-on...


I have no reason to fear his pistol...
Dammit...
I felt something ominous about that girl...
Well, talk about uninvited guests...
But if anything happens to that girl...
Let's get rid of them.
What do we do with 'em, Mickie?
That's a good idea.
Hehehe...


I felt surprised, but not a twinge of fear.
This is far from the first time I've been drawn into a tough spot.
Where were they taking us? And just what was this mysterious group of three planning?

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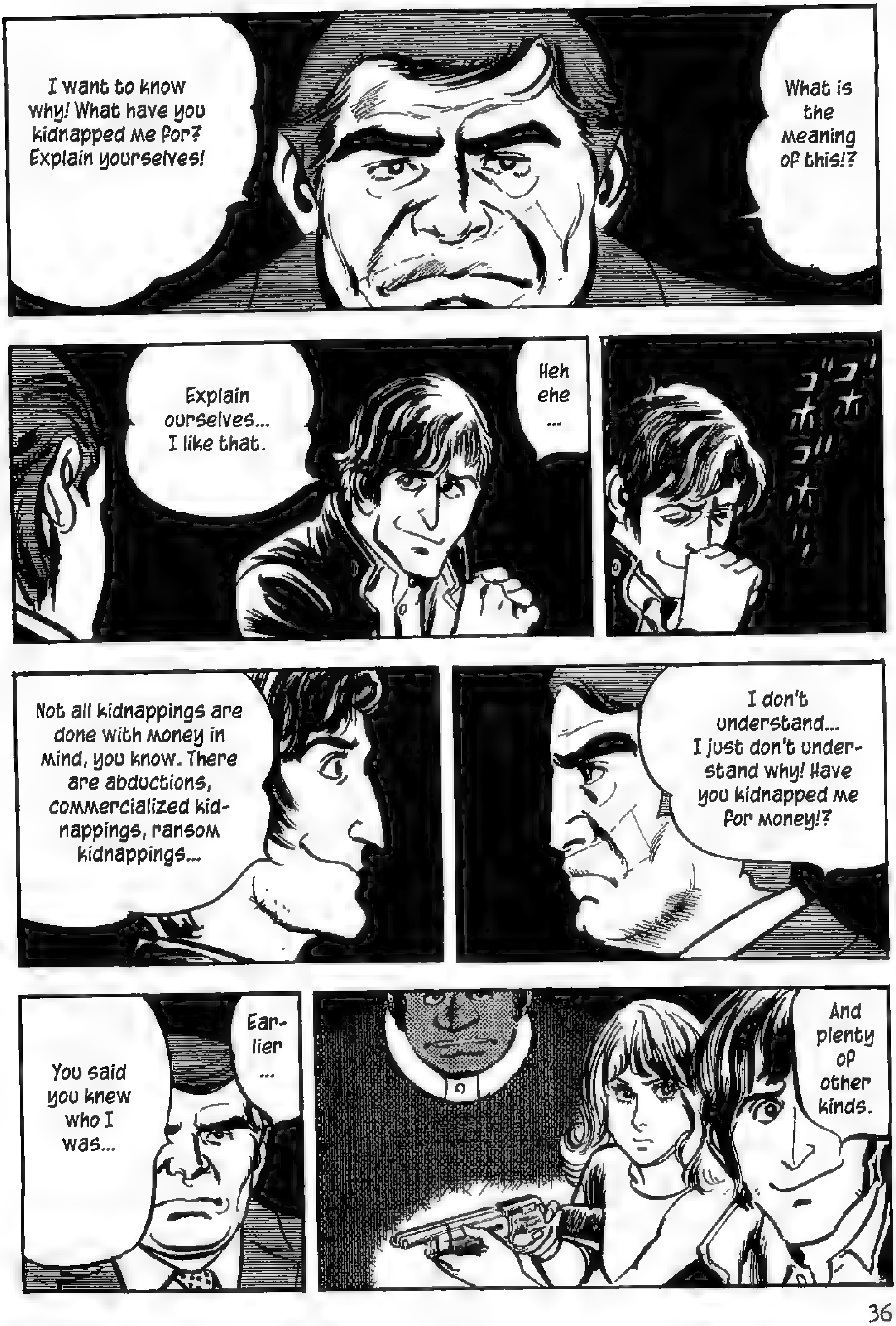
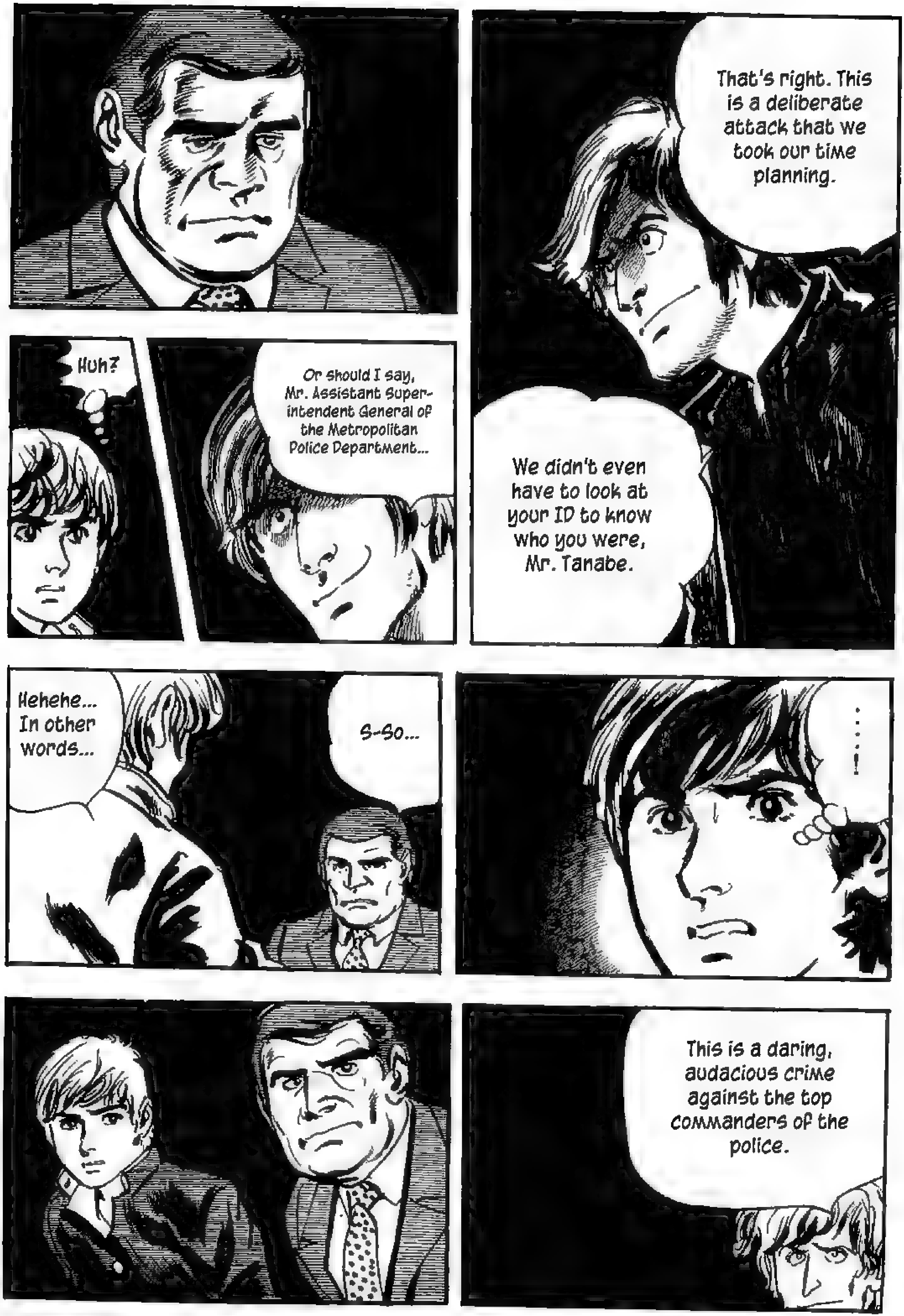
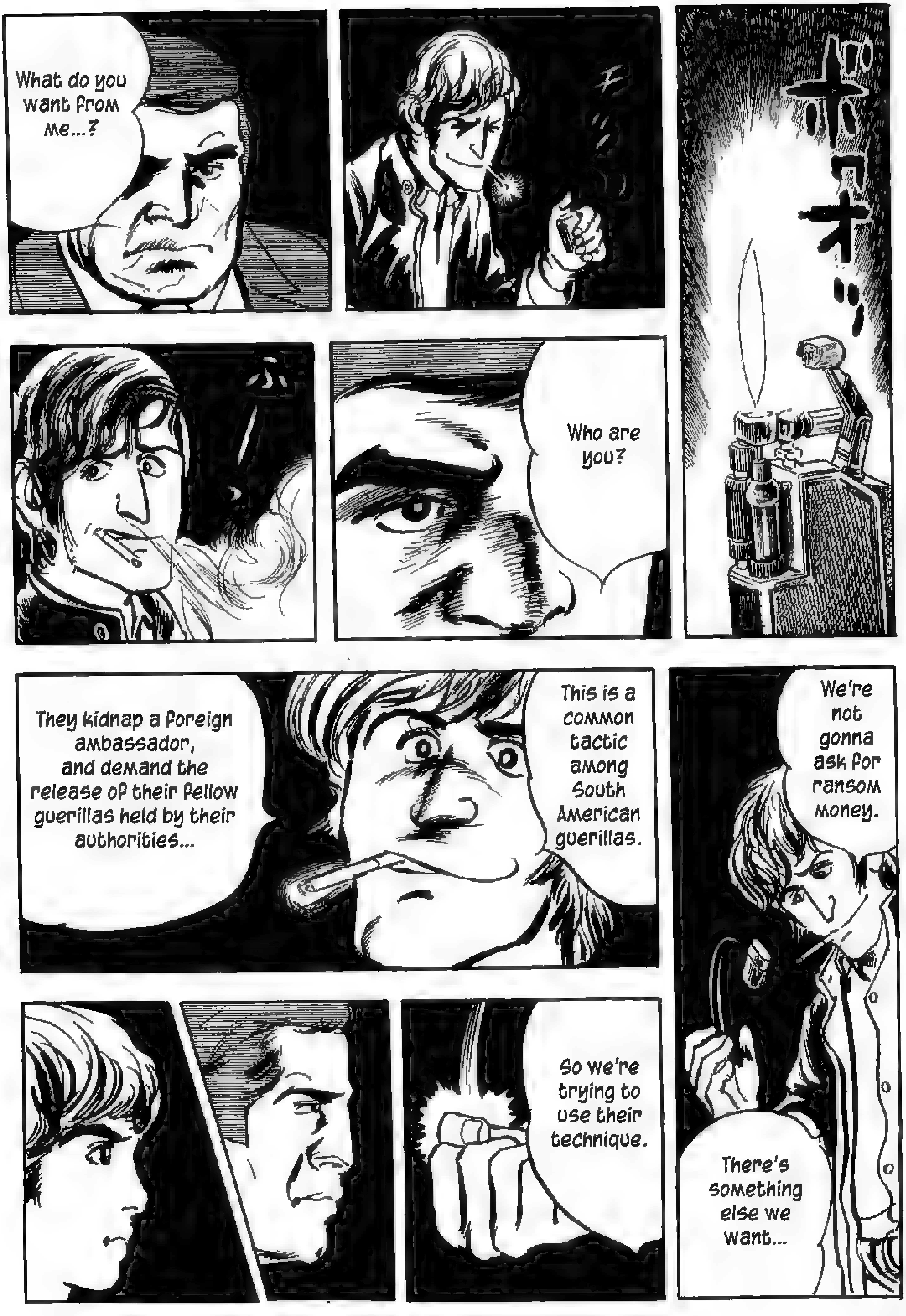

What is the meaning of this!?
I want to know why! What have you kidnapped me for? Explain yourselves!
Explain ourselves... I like that.
Heh ehe ...
ゴゴゴ
I don't understand... I just don't understand why! Have you kidnapped me for money!?
Not all kidnappings are done with money in mind, you know. There are abductions, commercialized kidnappings, ransom kidnappings...
And plenty of other kinds.
Earlier...
You said you knew who I was...


Huh?
Or should I say, Mr. Assistant Superintendent General of the Metropolitan Police Department...
That's right. This is a deliberate attack that we took our time planning.
We didn't even have to look at your ID to know who you were, Mr. Tanabe.
Hehehe... In other words...
S-So...
.....!
This is a daring, audacious crime against the top commanders of the police.


What do you want from me...?
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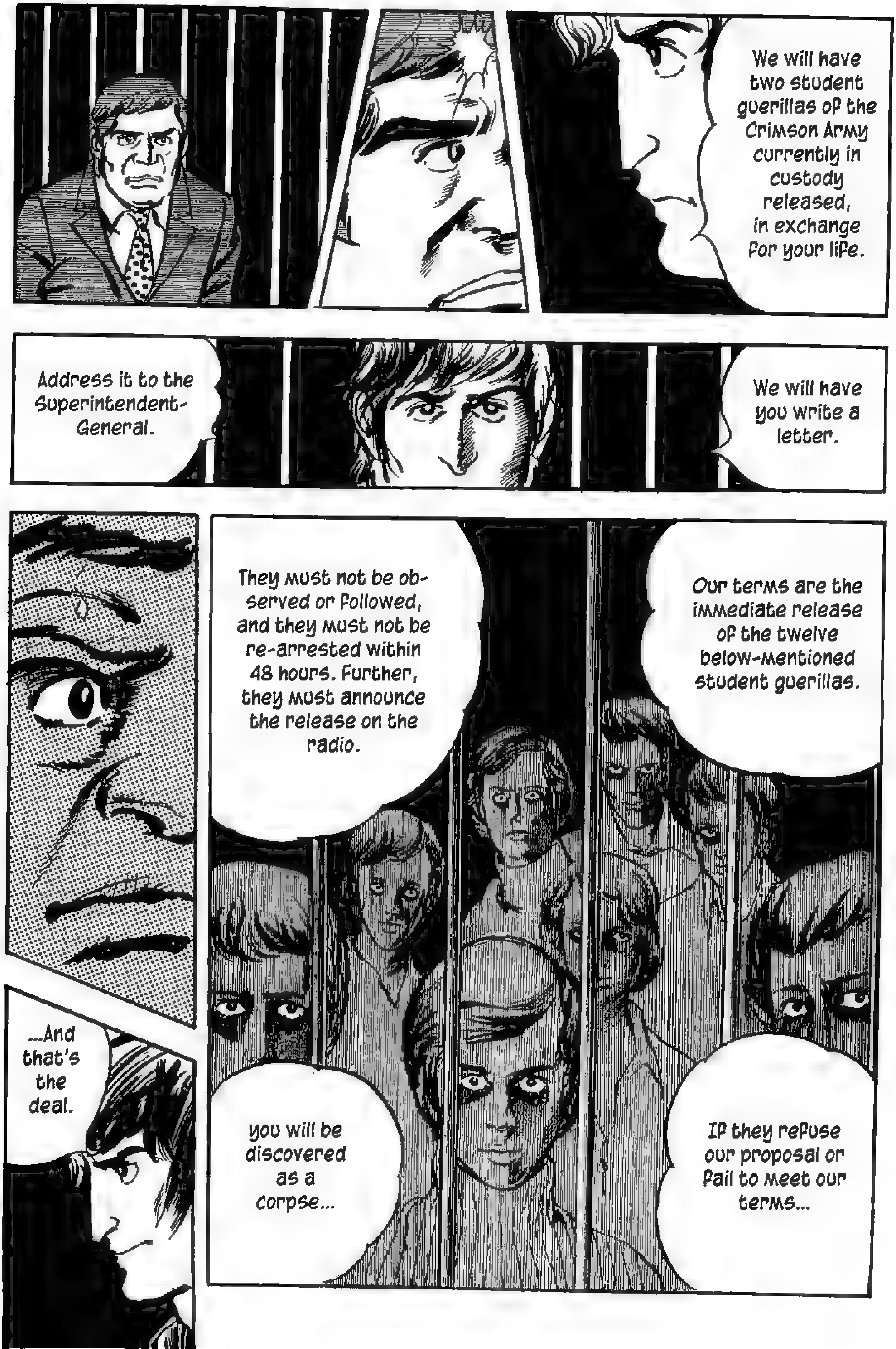
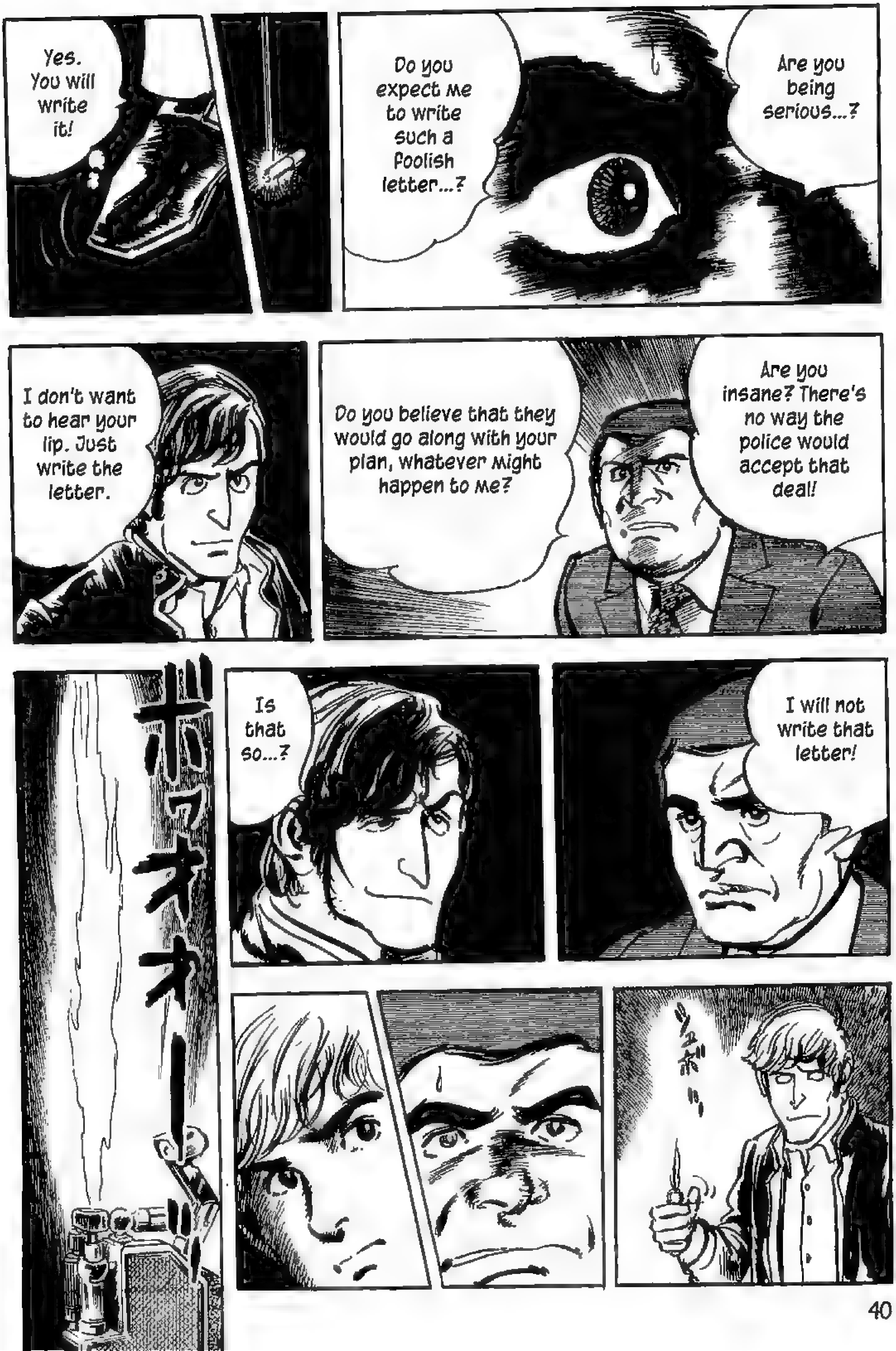
Who are you?
This is a common tactic among South American guerillas.
They kidnap a foreign ambassador, and demand the release of their fellow guerillas held by their authorities...
We're not gonna ask for ransom money.
So we're trying to use their technique.
There's something else we want...


We will have two student guerillas of the Crimson Army currently in custody released, in exchange for your life.
We will have you write a letter.
Address it to the Superintendent-General.
Our terms are the immediate release of the twelve below-mentioned student guerillas.
They must not be observed or followed, and they must not be re-arrested within 48 hours. Further, they must announce the release on the radio.
If they refuse our proposal or fail to meet our terms...
you will be discovered as a corpse...
...And that's the deal.


Are you being serious...?
Do you expect me to write such a foolish letter...?
Yes. You will write it!
Are you insane? There's no way the police would accept that deal!
Do you believe that they would go along with your plan, whatever might happen to me?
I don't want to hear your lip. Just write the letter.
I will not write that letter!
Is that so...?
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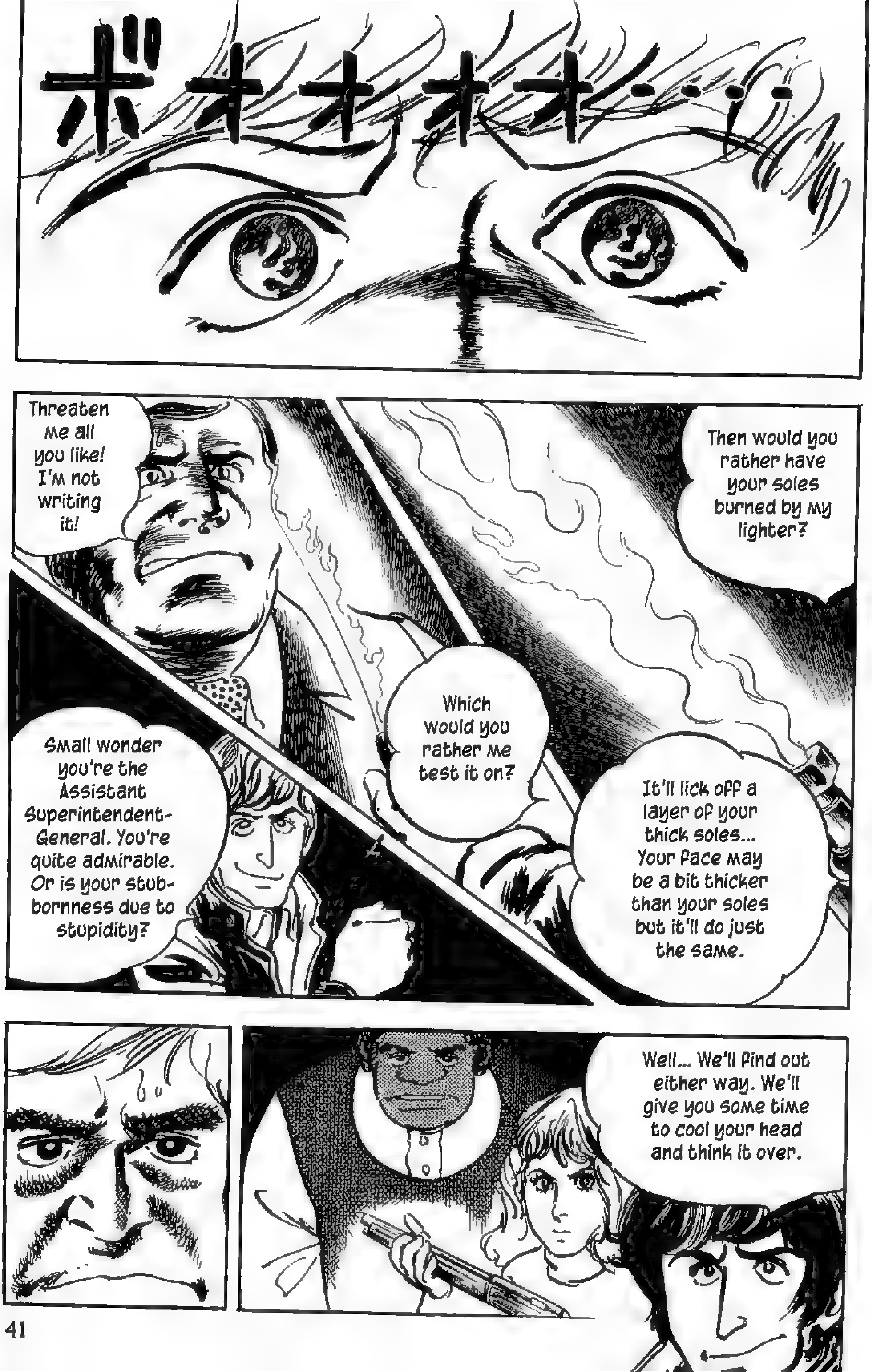
ボワオオー!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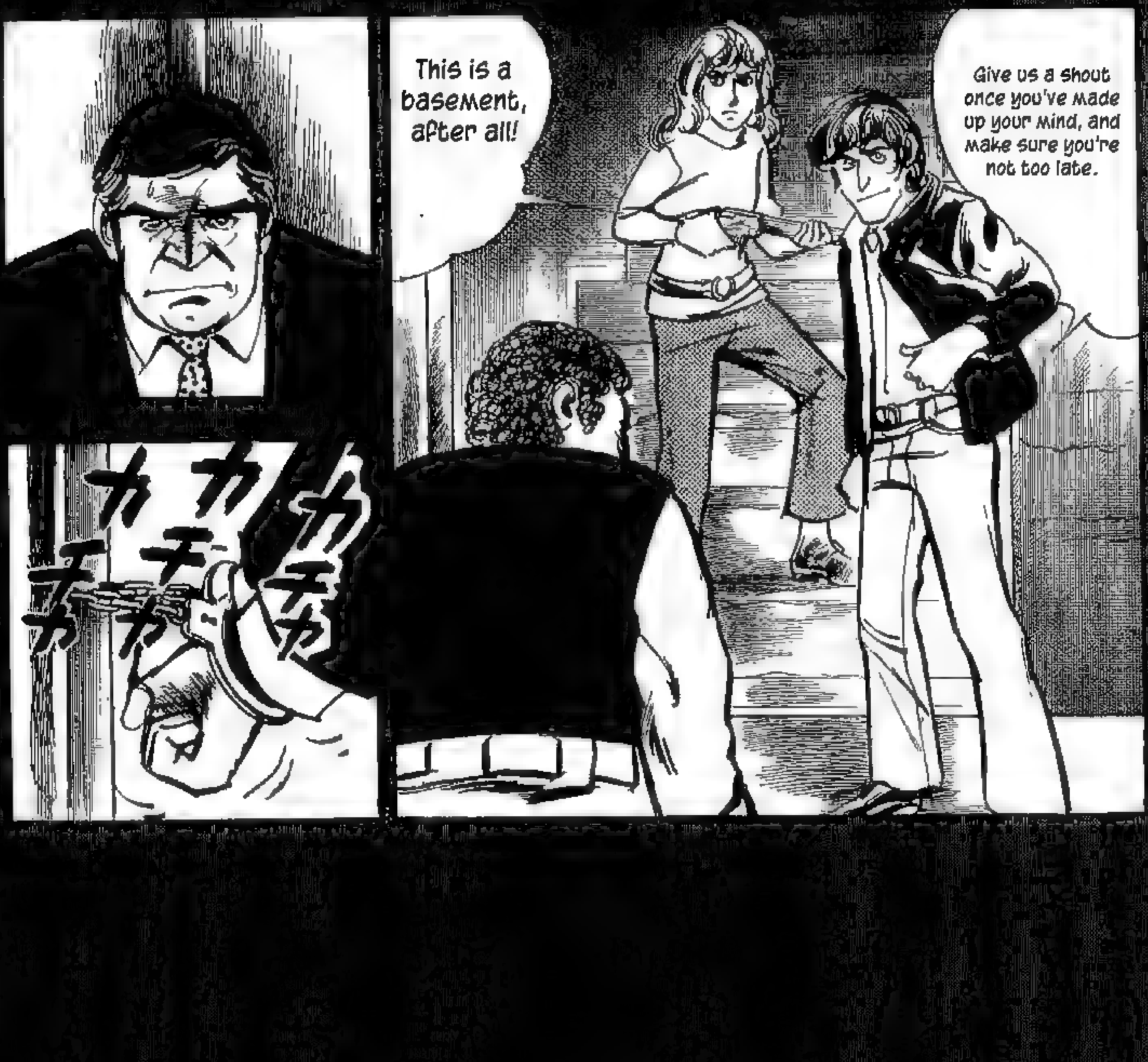
Threaten me all you like! I'm not writing it!
Then would you rather have your soles burned by my lighter?
It'll lick off a layer of your thick soles... Your face may be a bit thicker than your soles but it'll do just the same.
Which would you rather me test it on?
Small wonder you're the Assistant Superintendent-General. You're quite admirable. Or is your stubbornness due to stupidity?
Well... We'll find out either way. We'll give you some time to cool your head and think it over.


Give us a shout once you've made up your mind, and make sure you're not too late.
This is a basement, after all!
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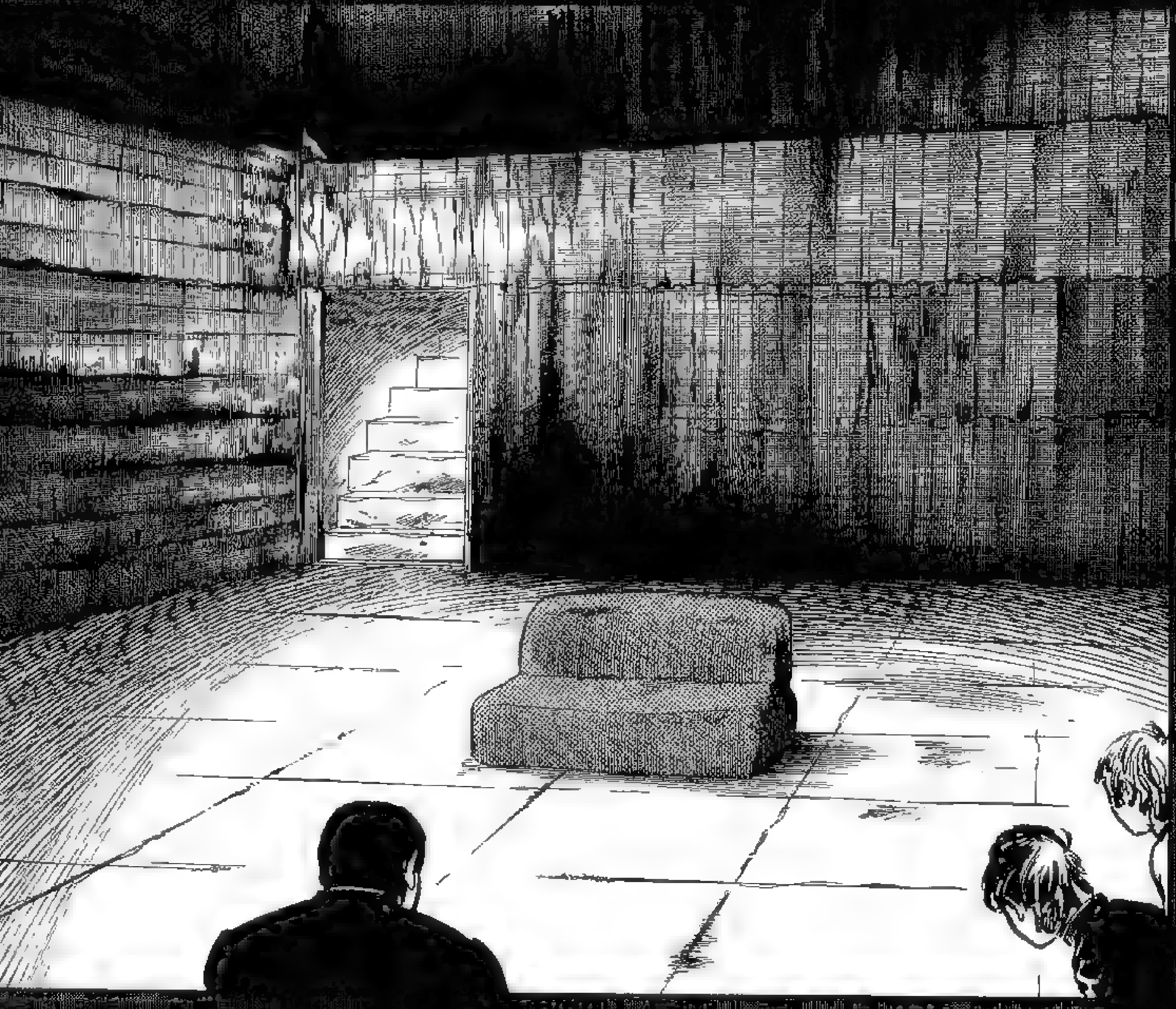
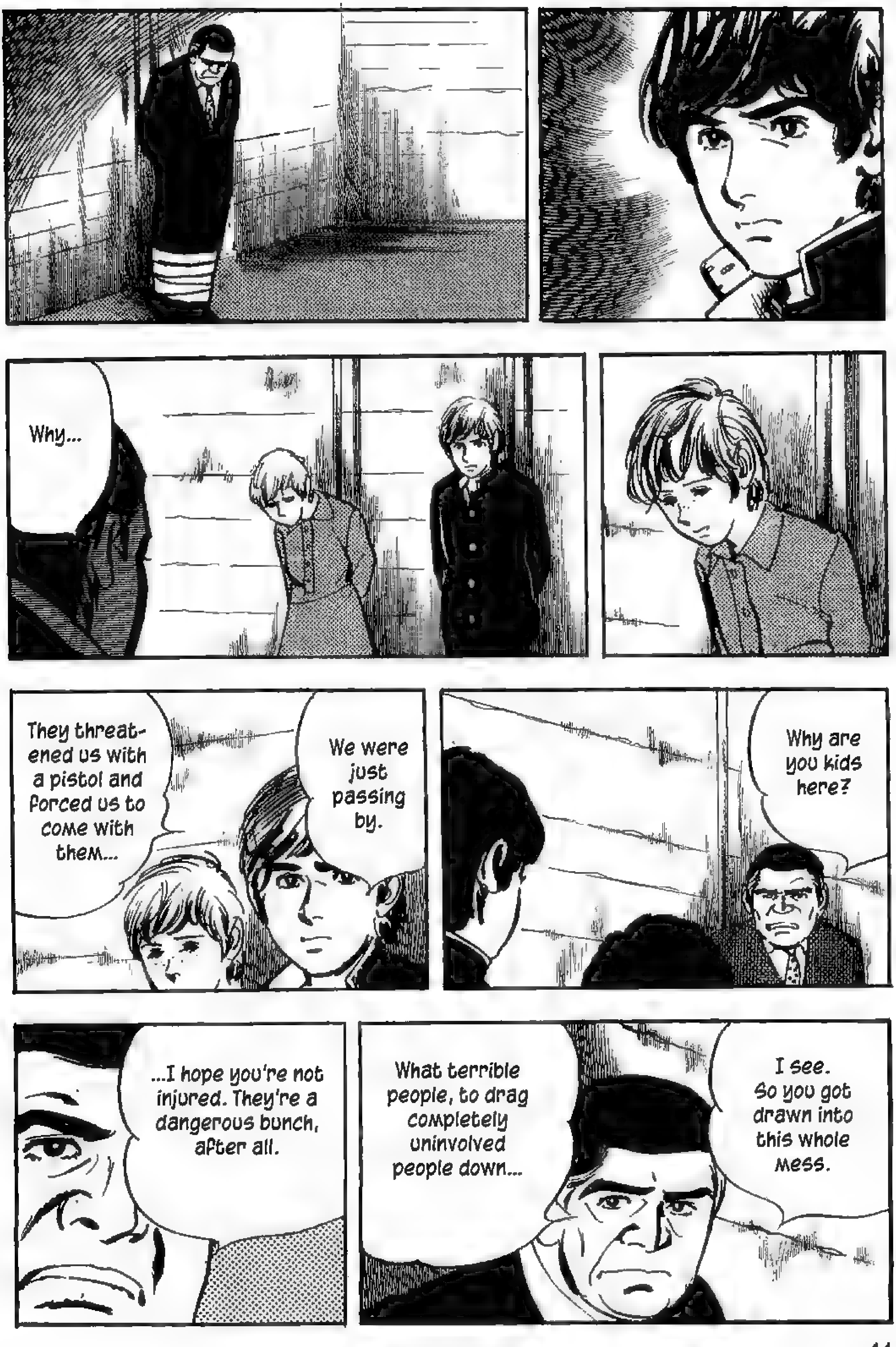
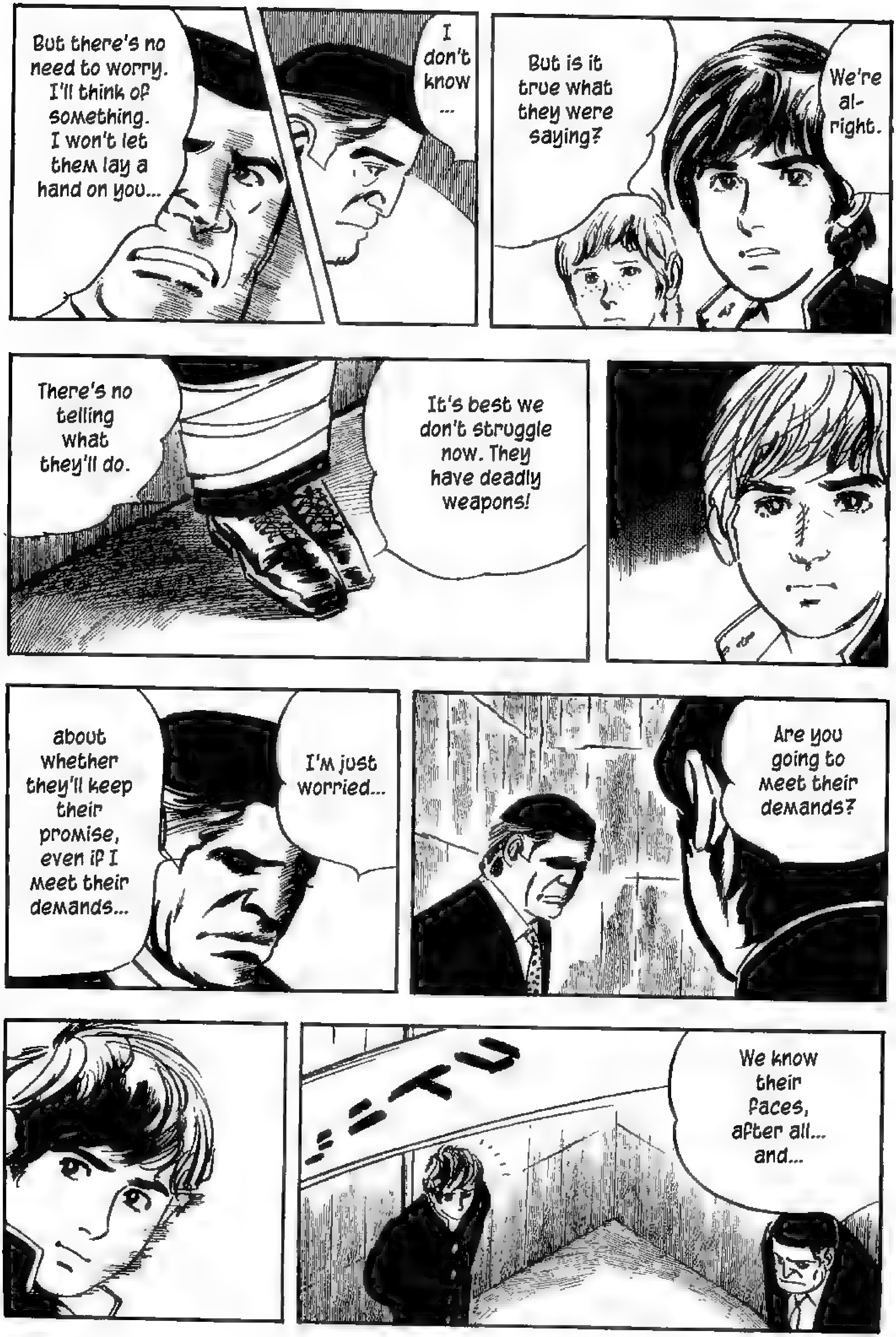
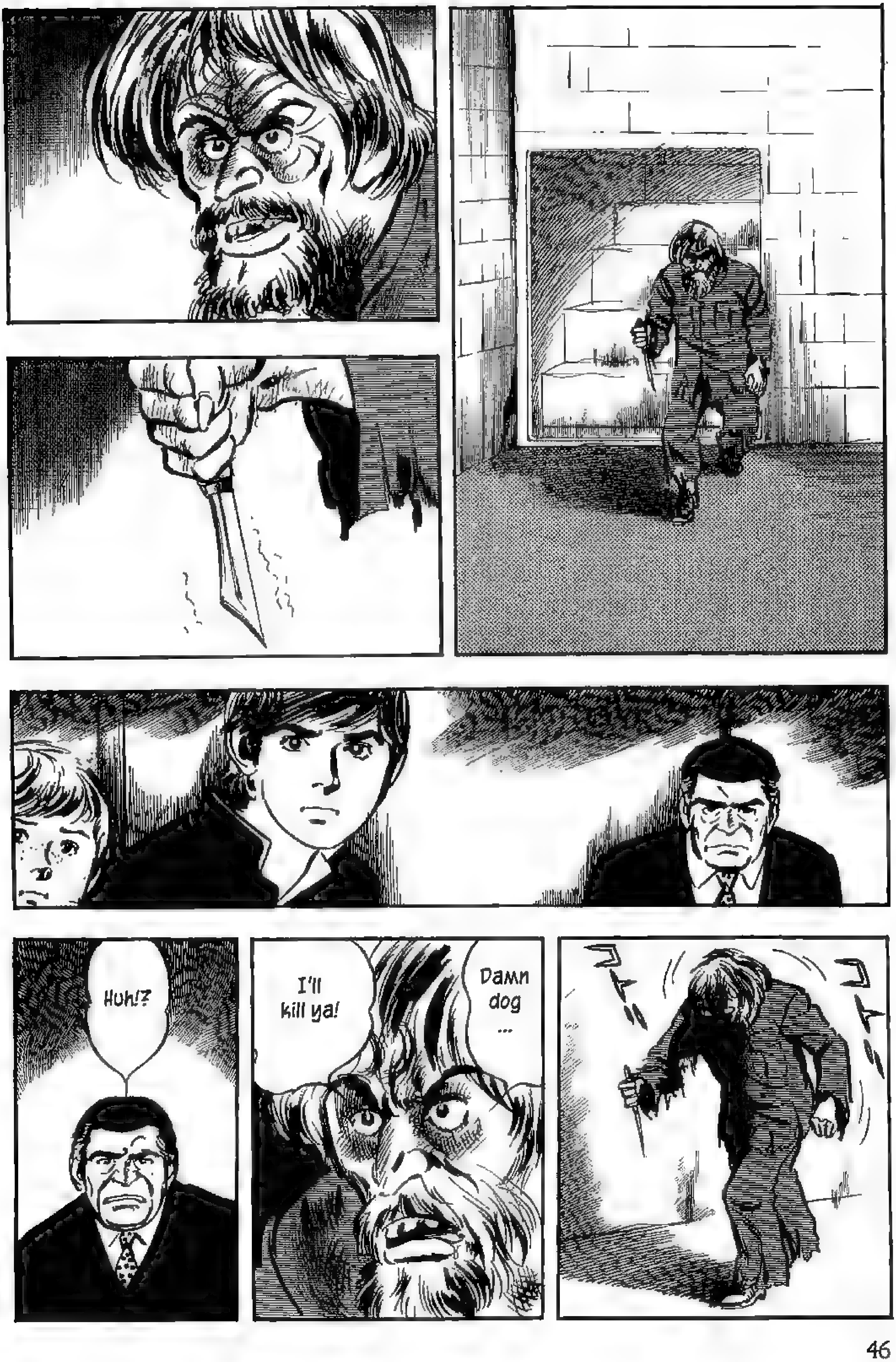



Why...
Why are you kids here?
We were just passing by.
They threatened us with a pistol and forced us to come with them...
I see. So you got drawn into this whole mess.
What terrible people, to drag completely uninvolved people down...
...I hope you're not injured. They're a dangerous bunch, after all.


We're alright.
But is it true what they were saying?
I don't know ...
But there's no need to worry. I'll think of something. I won't let them lay a hand on you...
It's best we don't struggle now. They have deadly weapons!
There's no telling what they'll do.
Are you going to meet their demands?
I'm just worried...
about whether they'll keep their promise, even if I meet their demands...
We know their faces, after all... and...


Damn dog ...
I'll kill ya!
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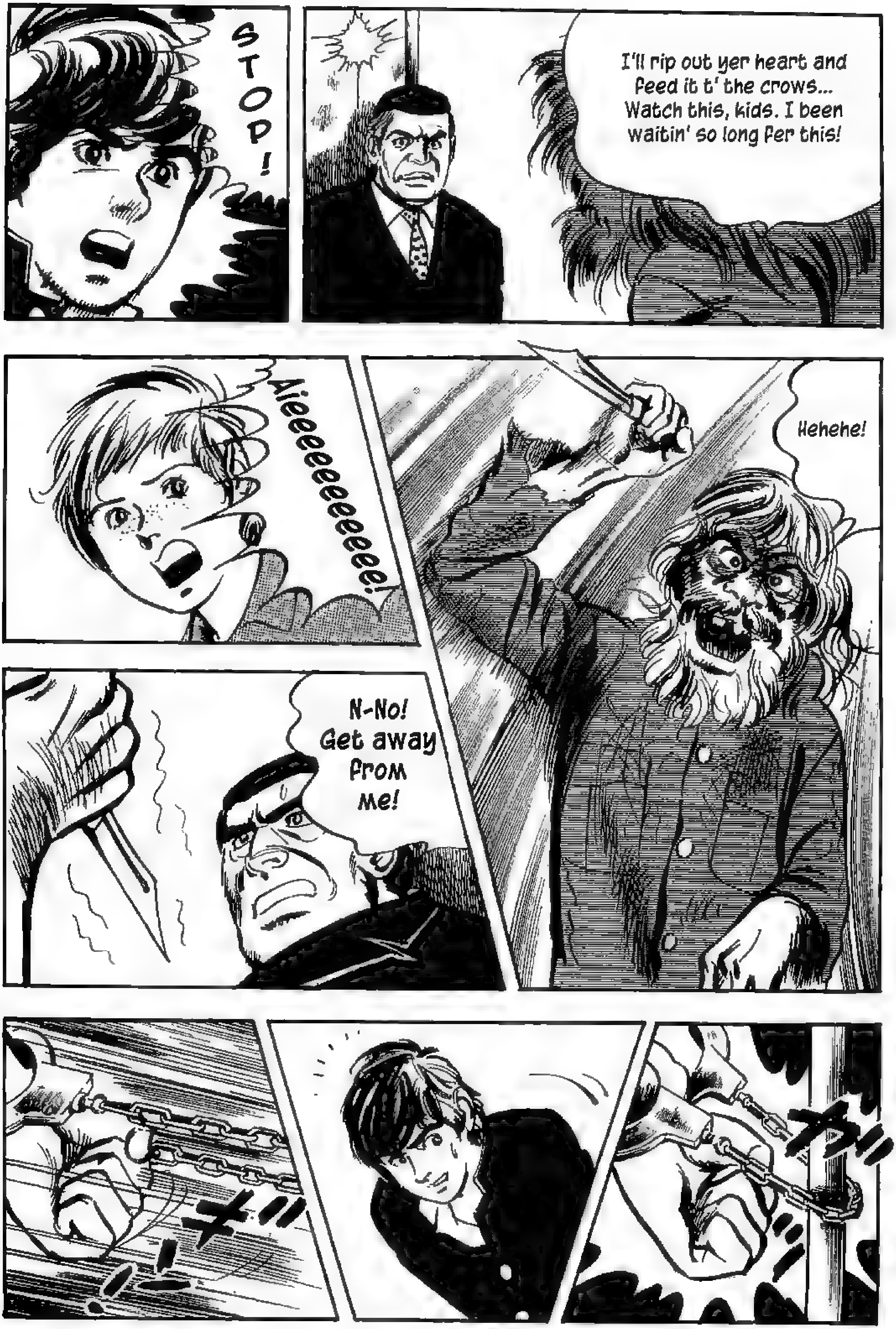
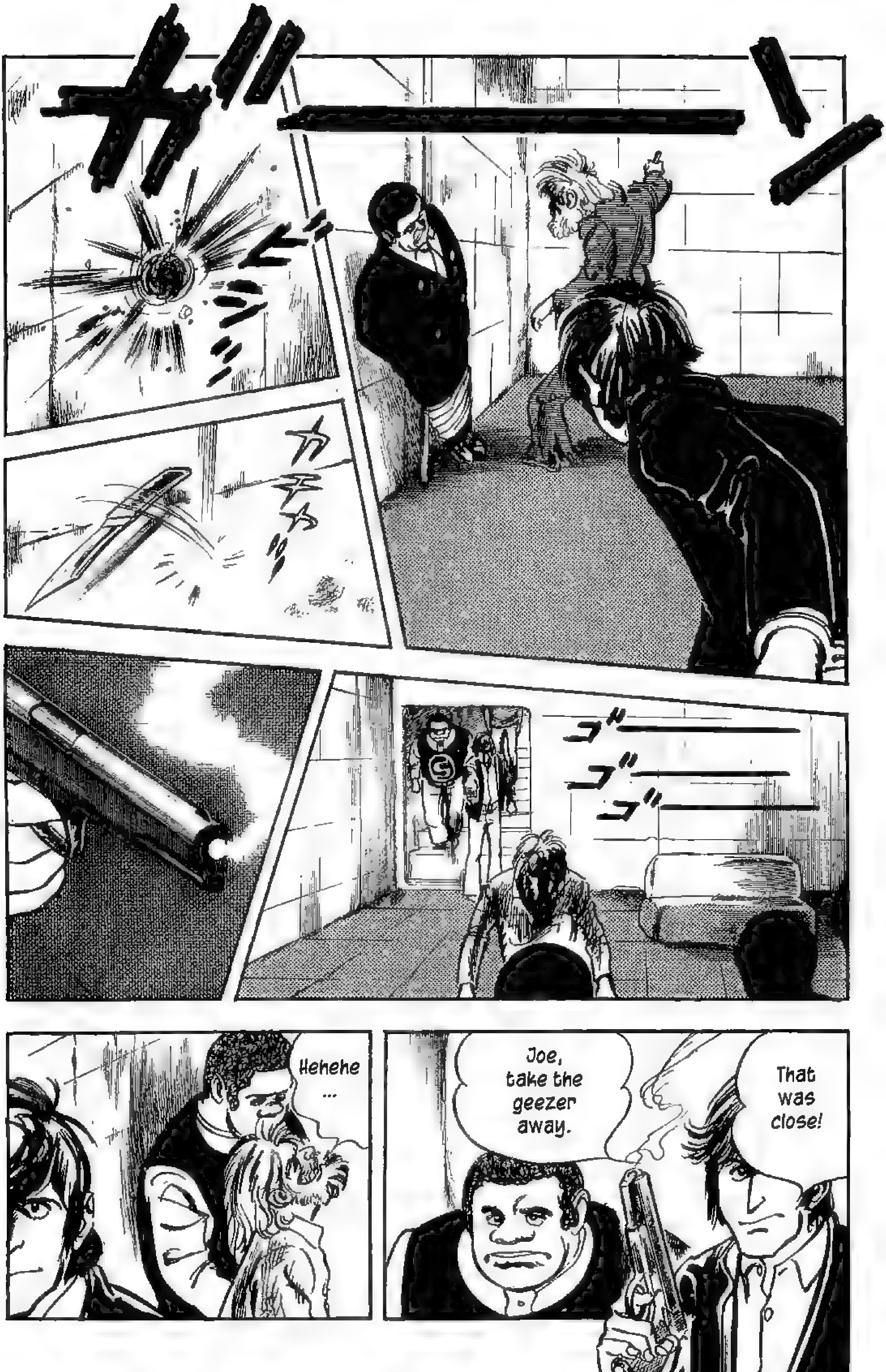

I'll rip out yer heart and feed it t' the crows... Watch this, kids. I been waitin' so long fer this!
STOP!
Hehehe!
Aieeeeeeeeeee!
N-No! Get away from me!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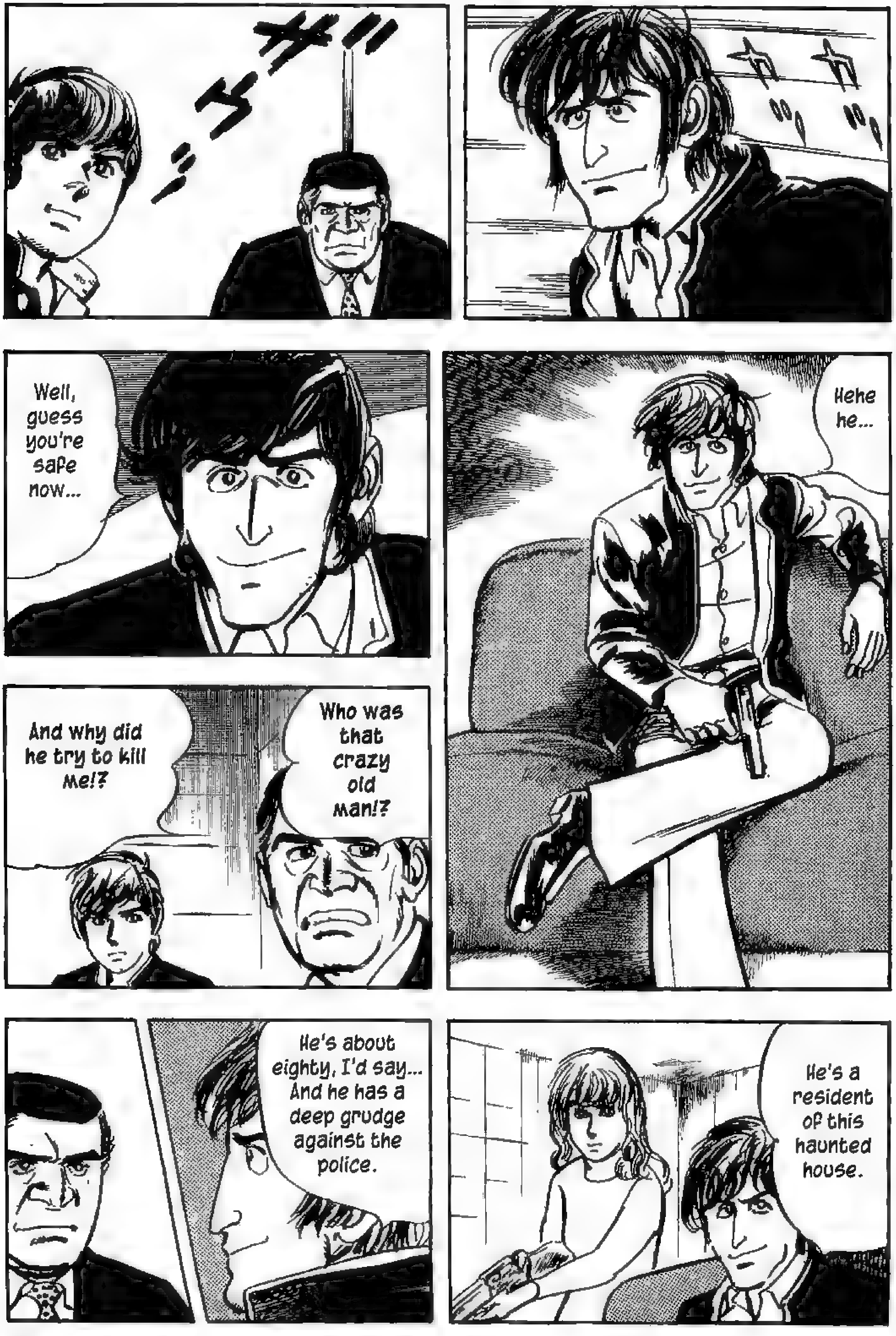
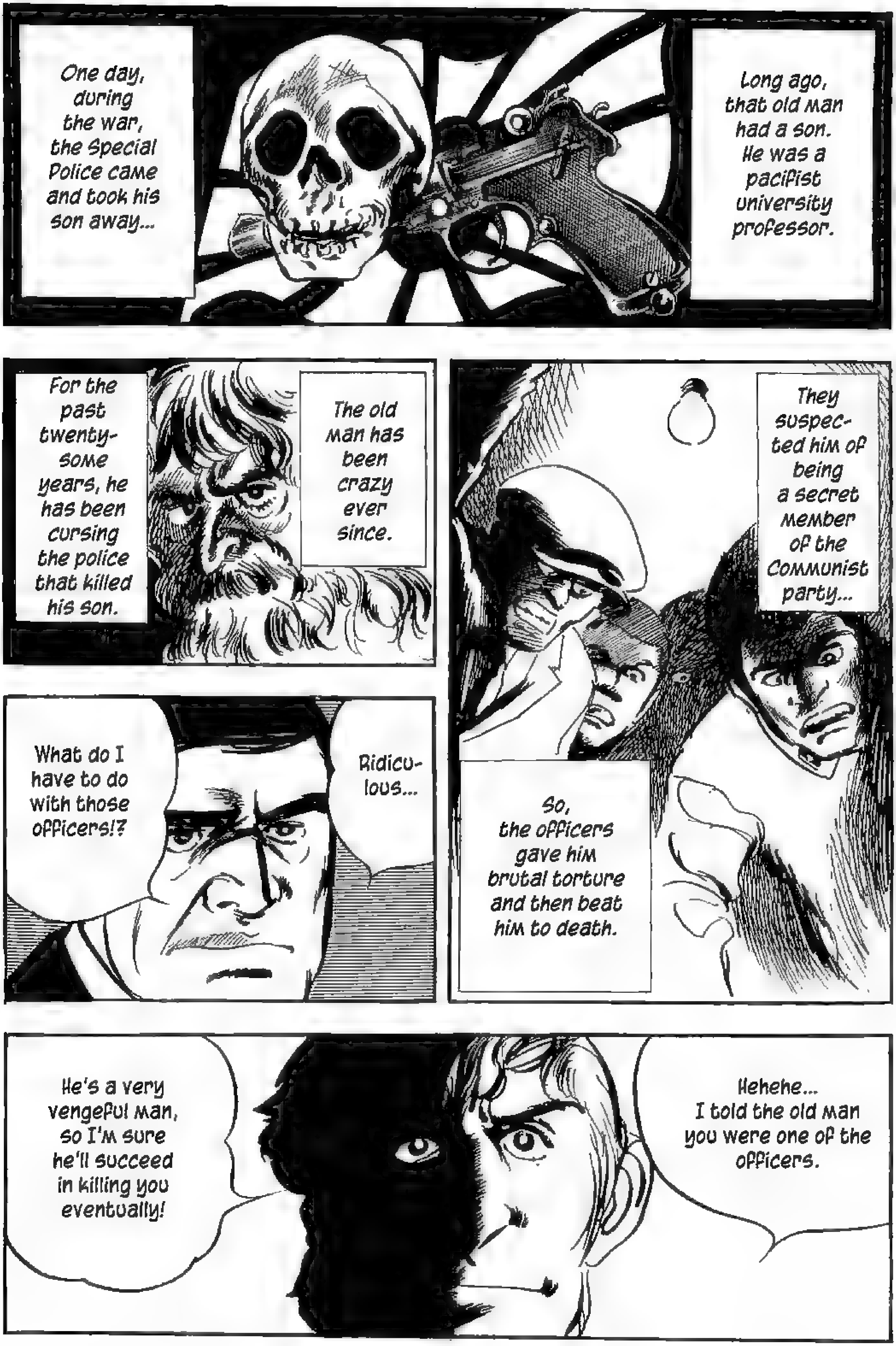
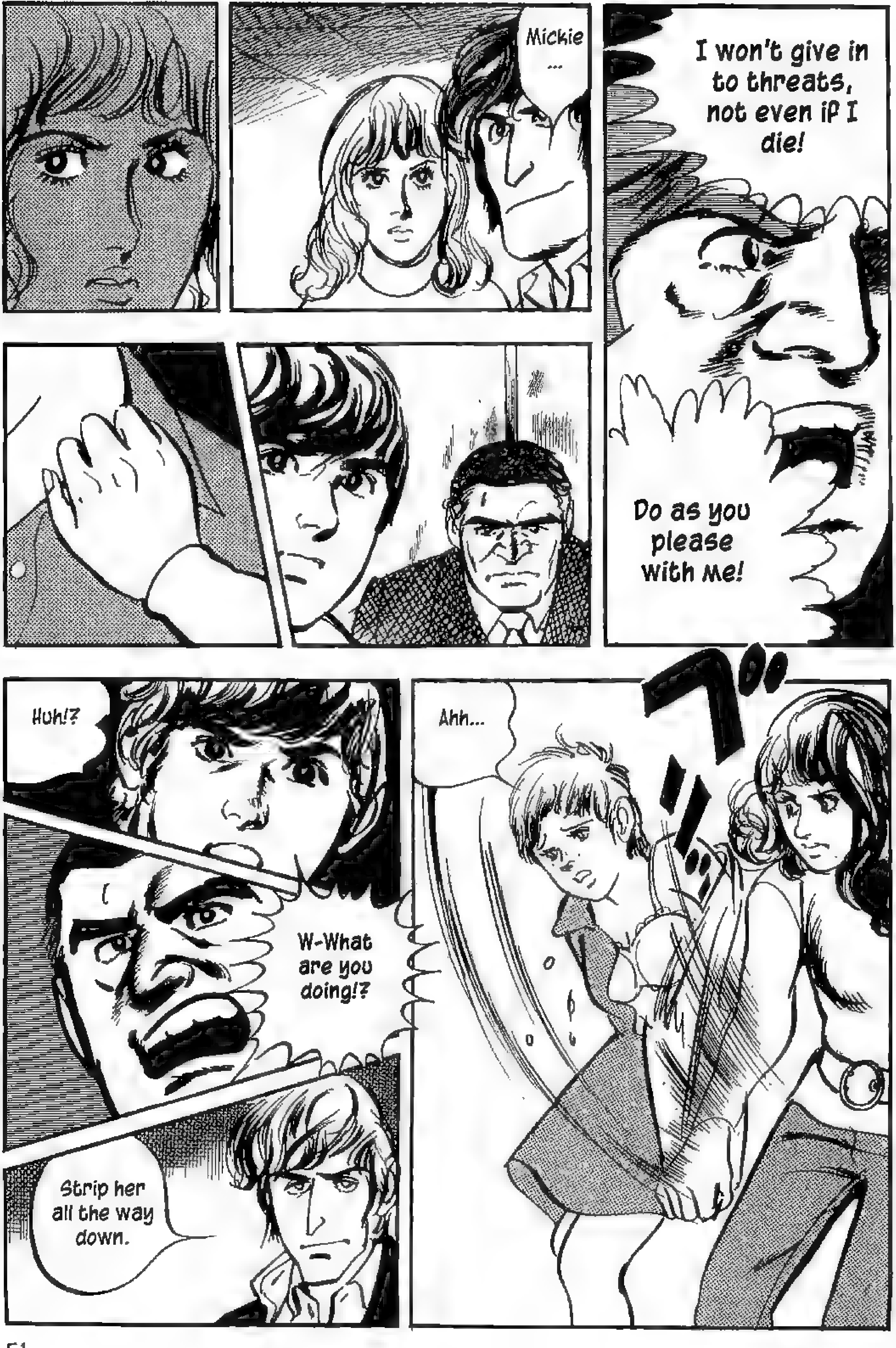
That was close!
Joe, take the geezer away.
Hehehe ...


Hehe he...
Well, guess you're safe now...
Who was that crazy old man!?
And why did he try to kill me!?
He's a resident of this haunted house.
He's about eighty, I'd say... And he has a deep grudge against the police.


Long ago, that old man had a son. He was a pacifist university professor.
One day, during the war, the Special Police came and took his son away...
They suspected him of being a secret member of the Communist party...
So, the officers gave him brutal torture and then beat him to death.
The old man has been crazy ever since.
For the past twenty-some years, he has been cursing the police that killed his son.
Ridiculous...
What do I have to do with those officers!?
Hehehe... I told the old man you were one of the officers.
He's a very vengeful man, so I'm sure he'll succeed in killing you eventually!


I won't give in to threats, not even if I die!
Do as you please with me!
Mickie ...
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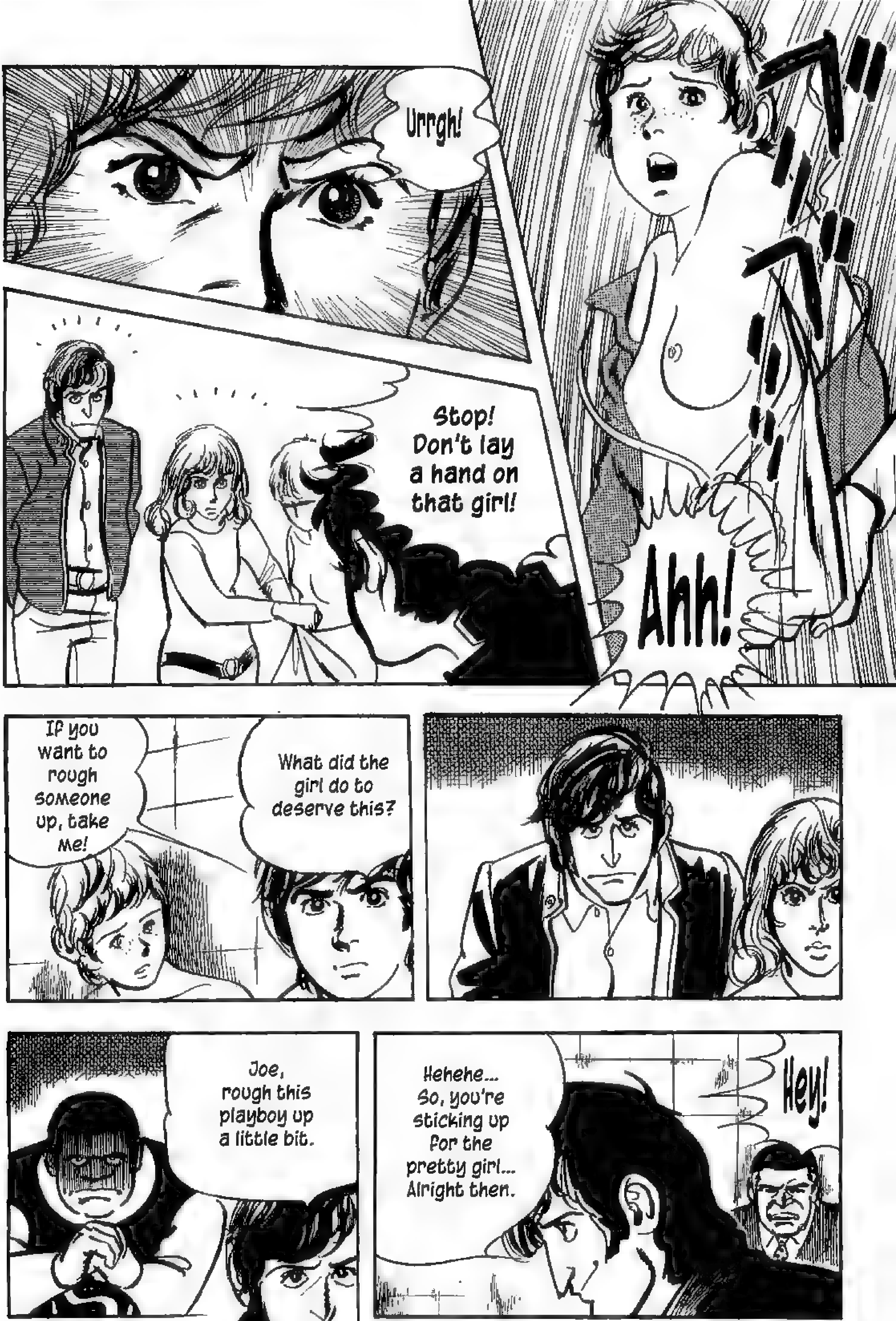
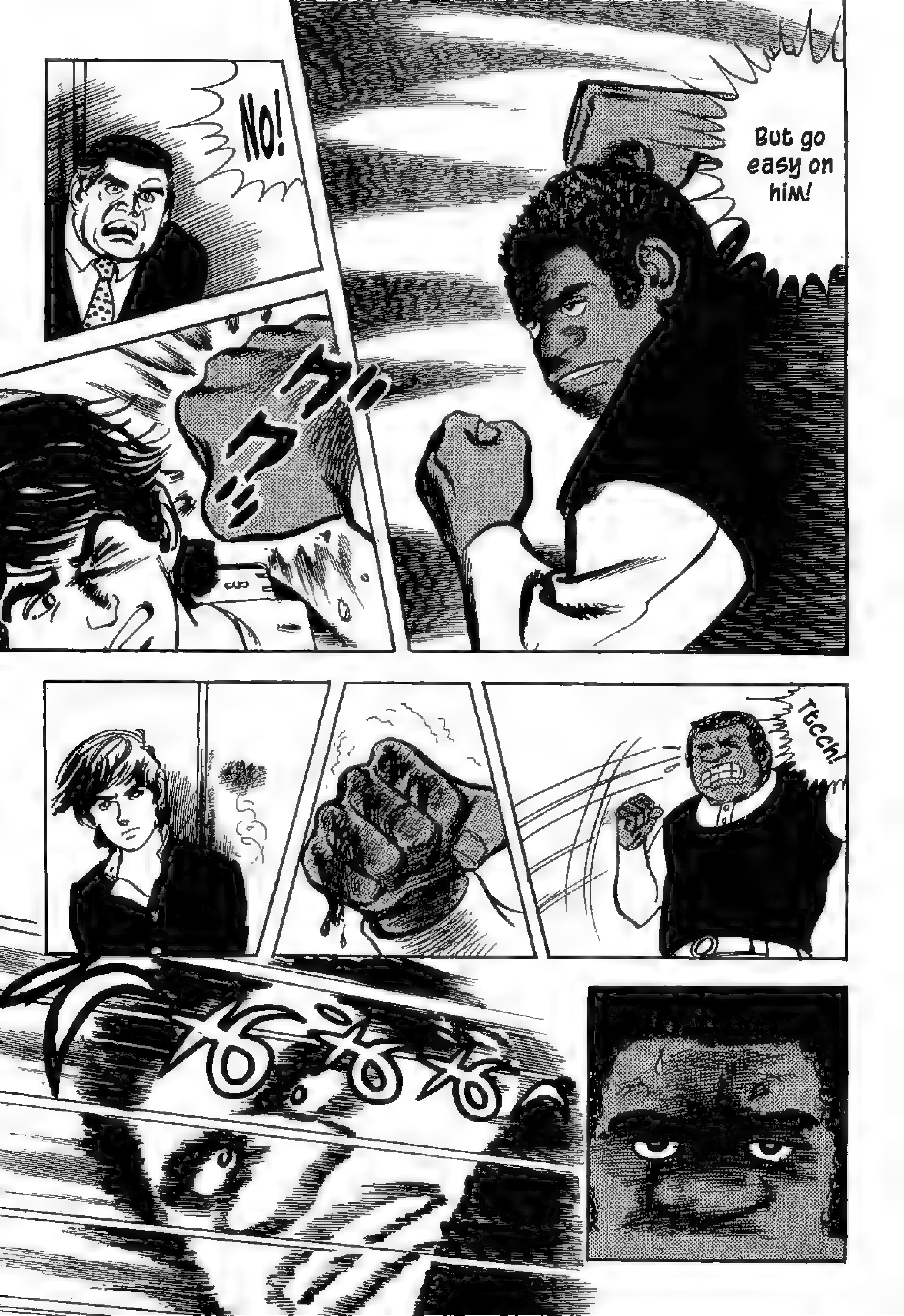
Ahh...
Huh!?
W-What are you doing!?
Strip her all the way down.


Ahh!
Urrgh!
Stop! Don't lay a hand on that girl!
What did the girl do to deserve this?
If you want to rough someone up, take me!
Hey!
Hehehe... So, you're sticking up for the pretty girl... Alright then.
Joe, rough this playboy up a little bit.


But go easy on him!
No!
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Ttcch!
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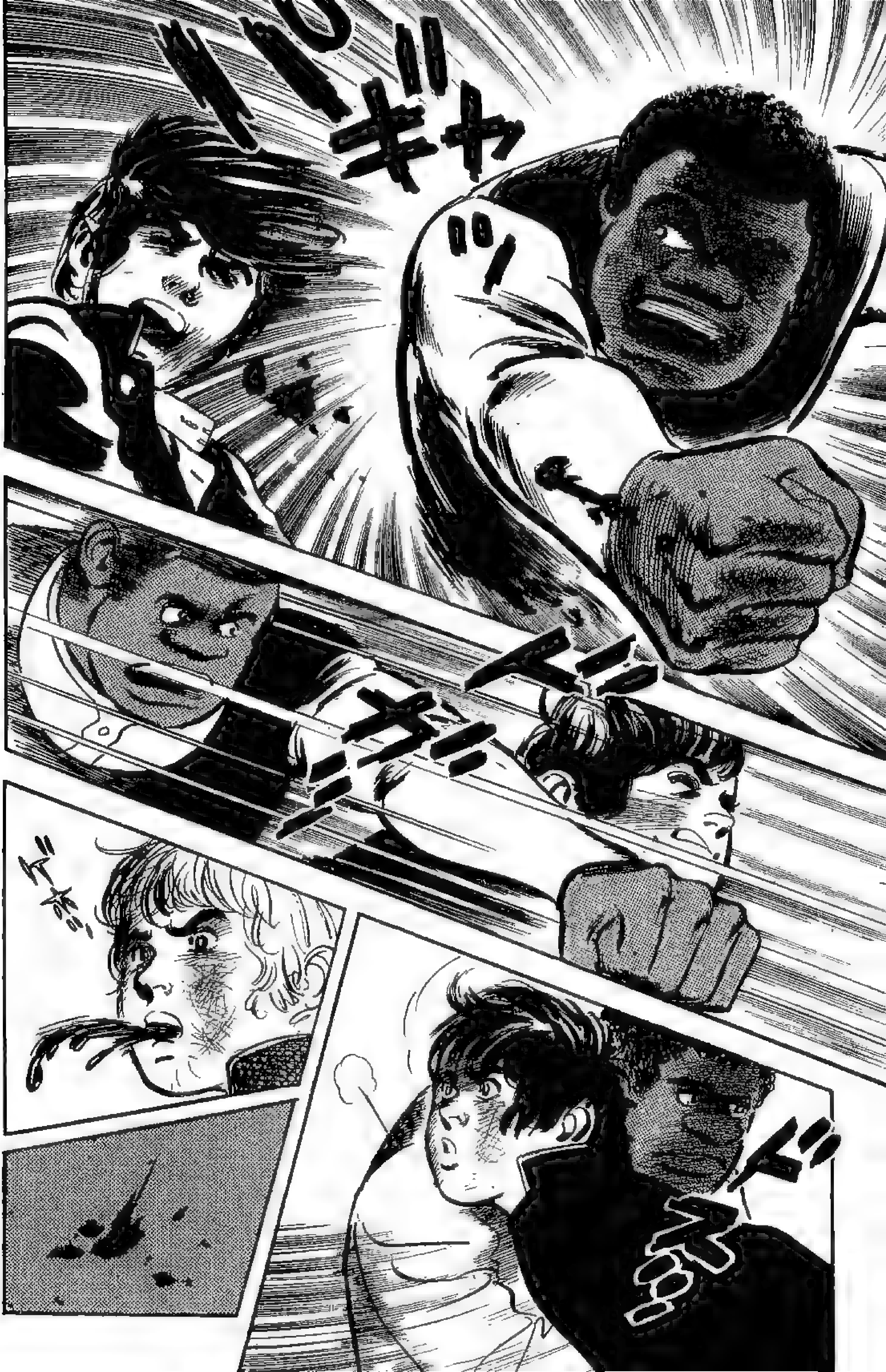
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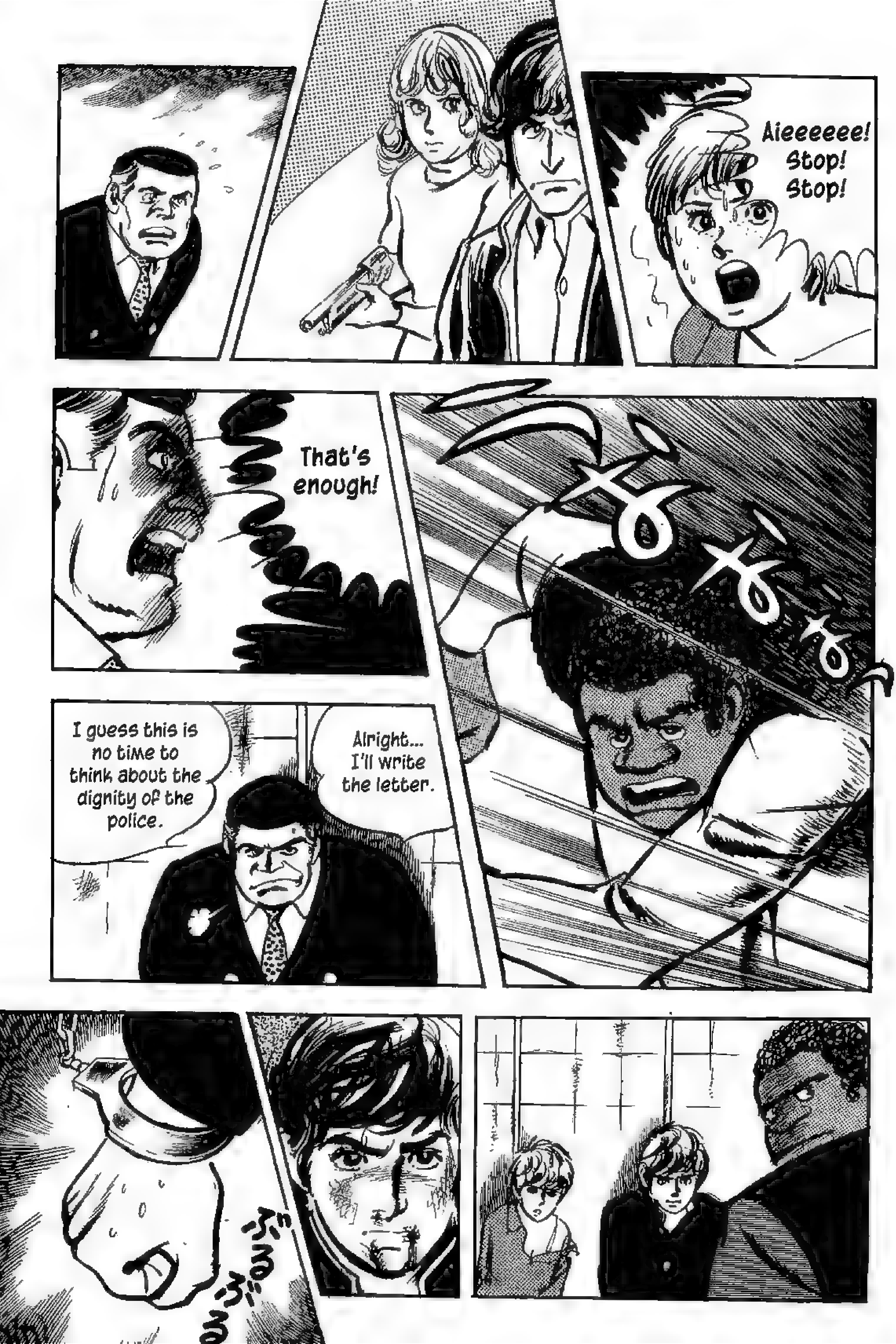
Aieeeeee! Stop! Stop!
That's enough!
Alright... I'll write the letter.
I guess this is no time to think about the dignity of the police.
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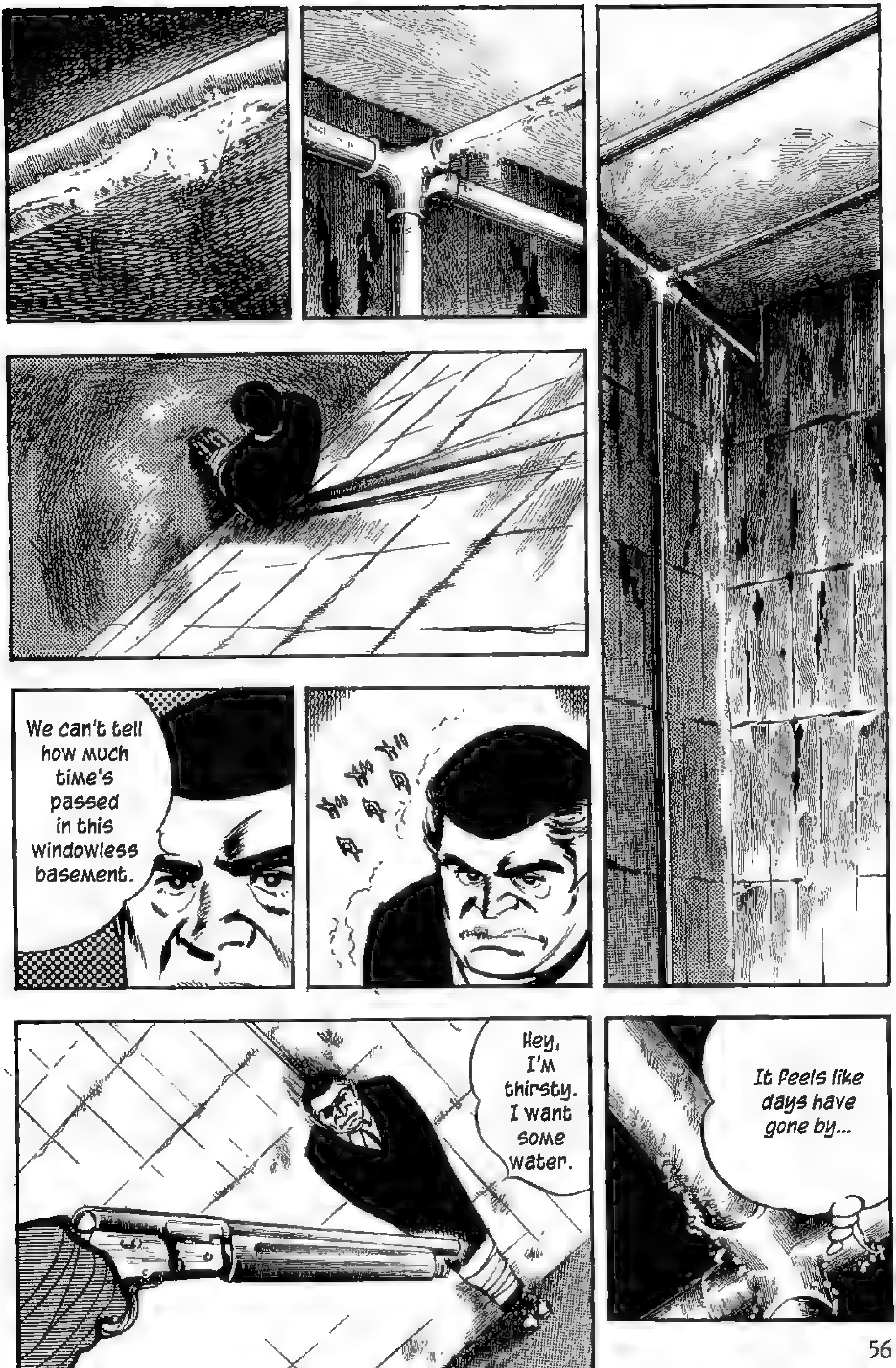
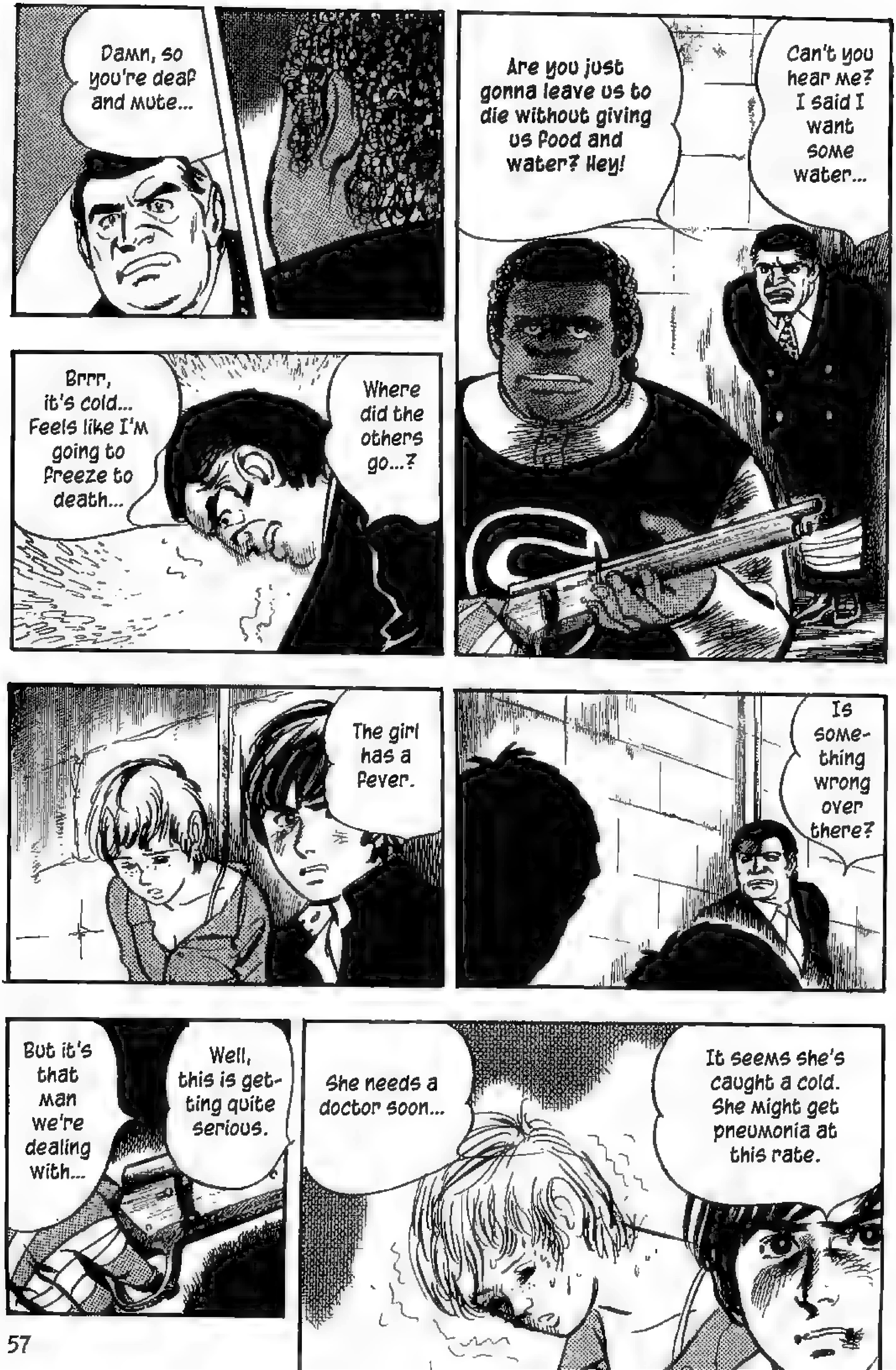
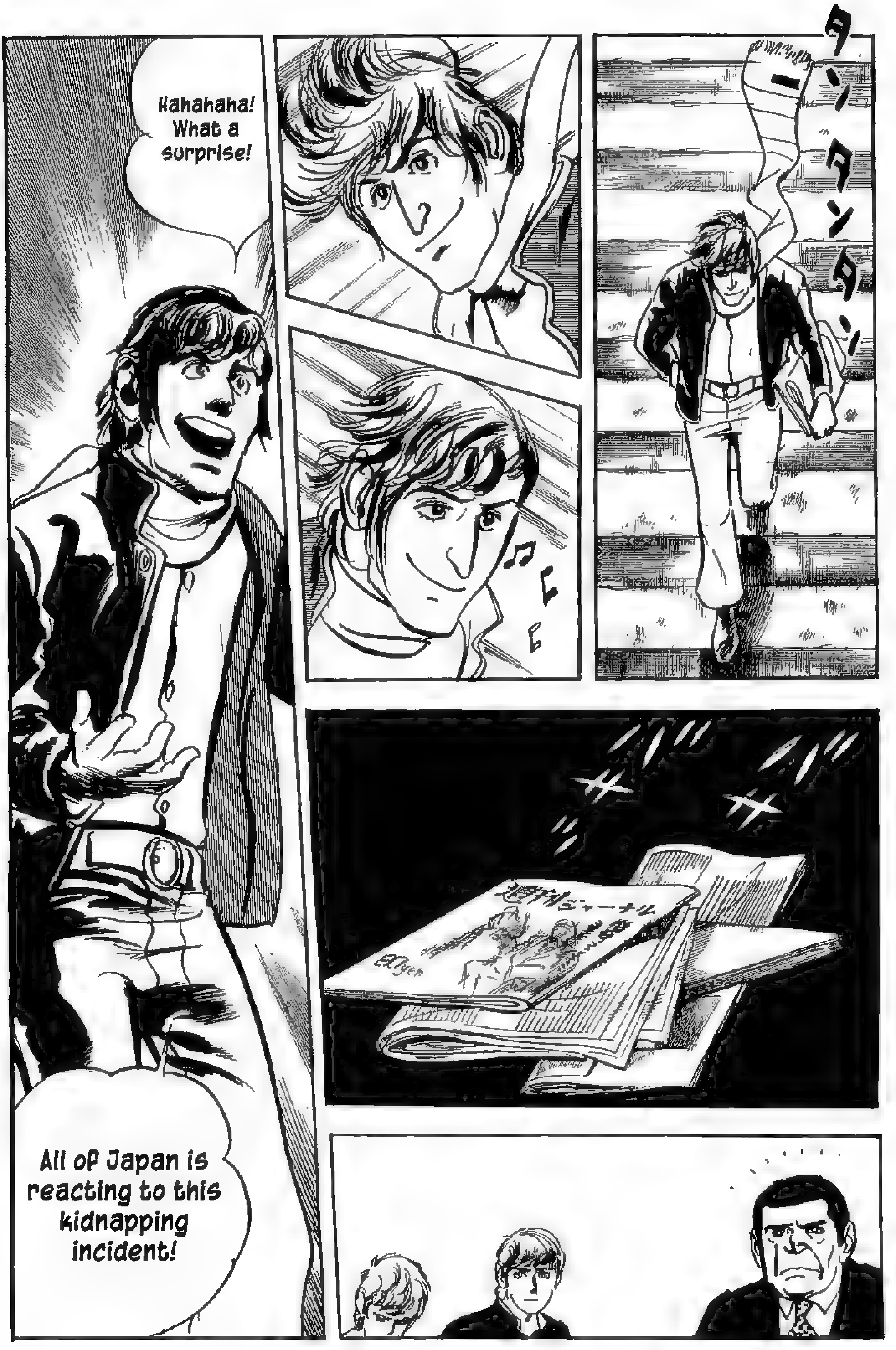

We can't tell how much time's passed in this windowless basement.
Hey, I'm thirsty. I want some water.
It feels like days have gone by...


Can't you hear me? I said I want some water...
Are you just gonna leave us to die without giving us food and water? Hey!
Damn, so you're deaf and mute...
Where did the others go...?
Brrr, it's cold... Feels like I'm going to freeze to death...
Is something wrong over there?
The girl has a fever.
It seems she's caught a cold. She might get pneumonia at this rate.
She needs a doctor soon...
Well, this is getting quite serious.
But it's that man we're dealing with...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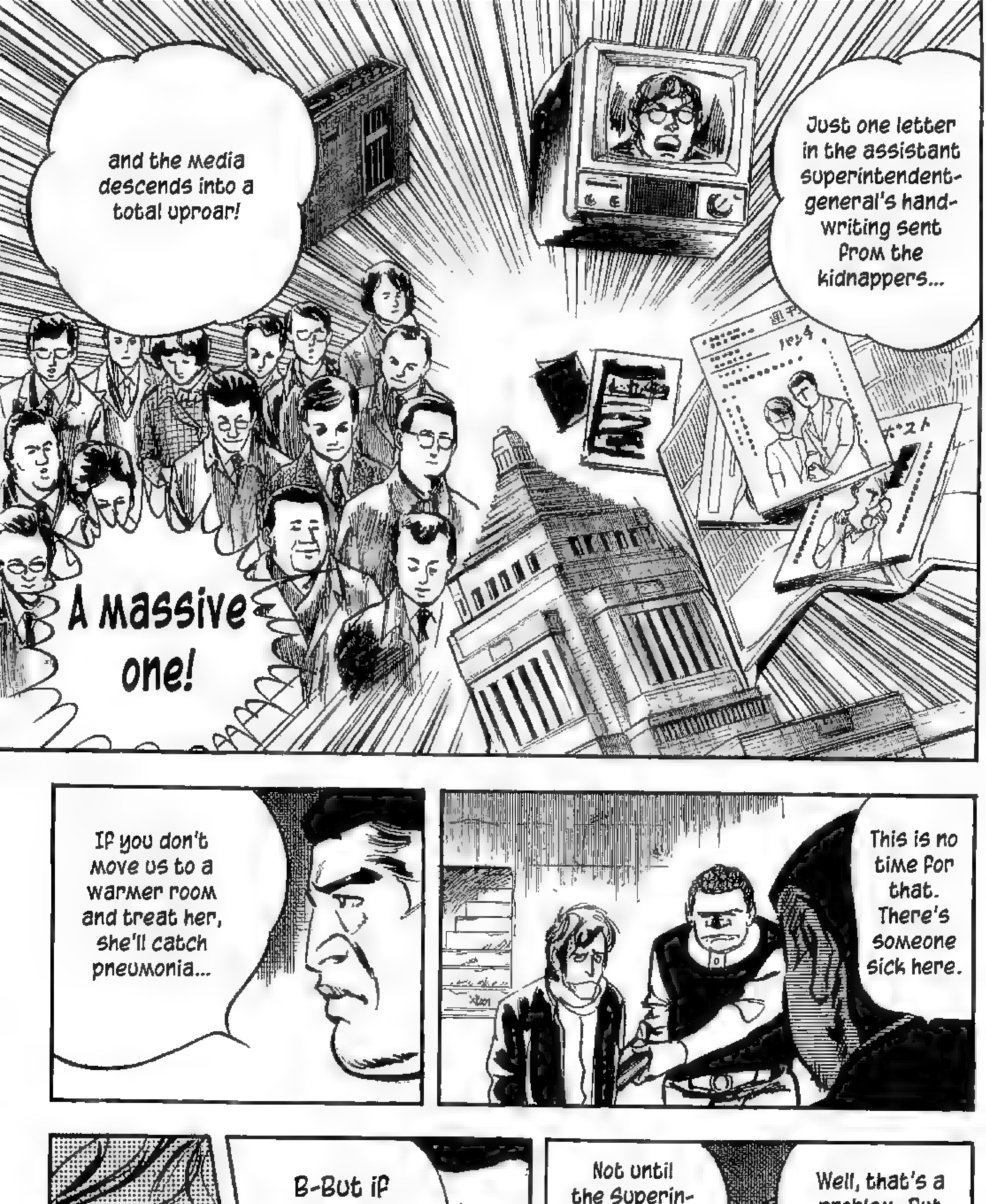
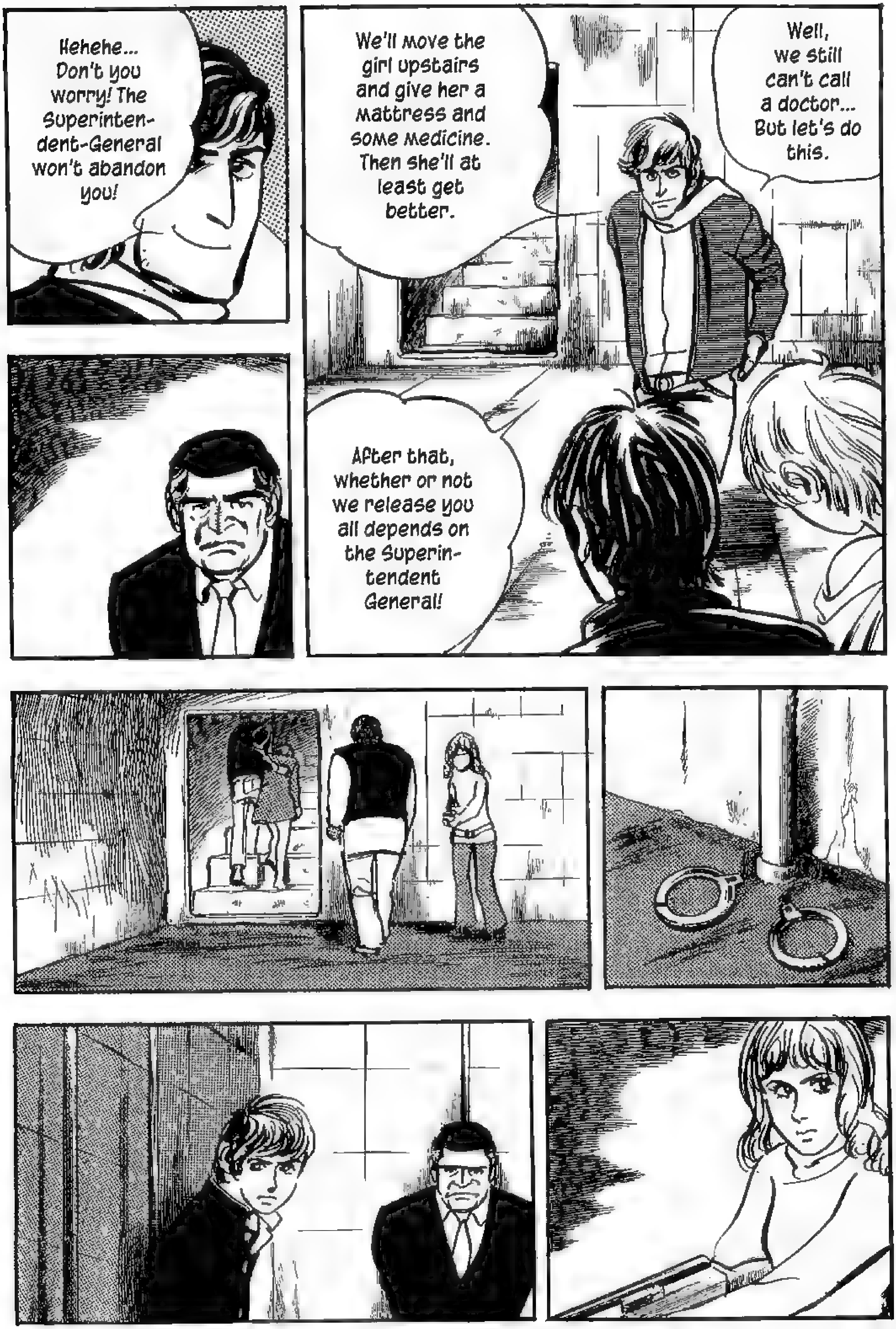
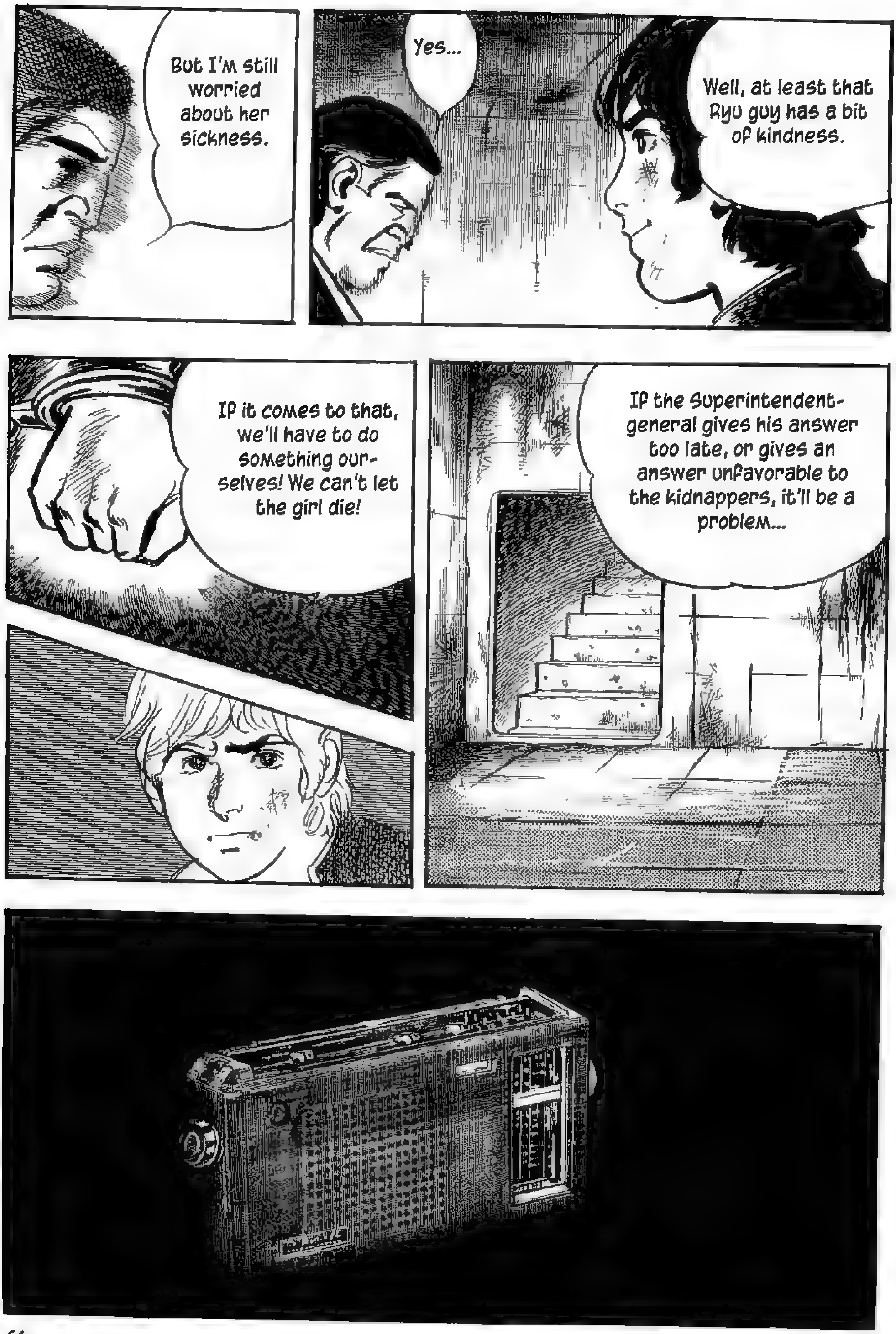
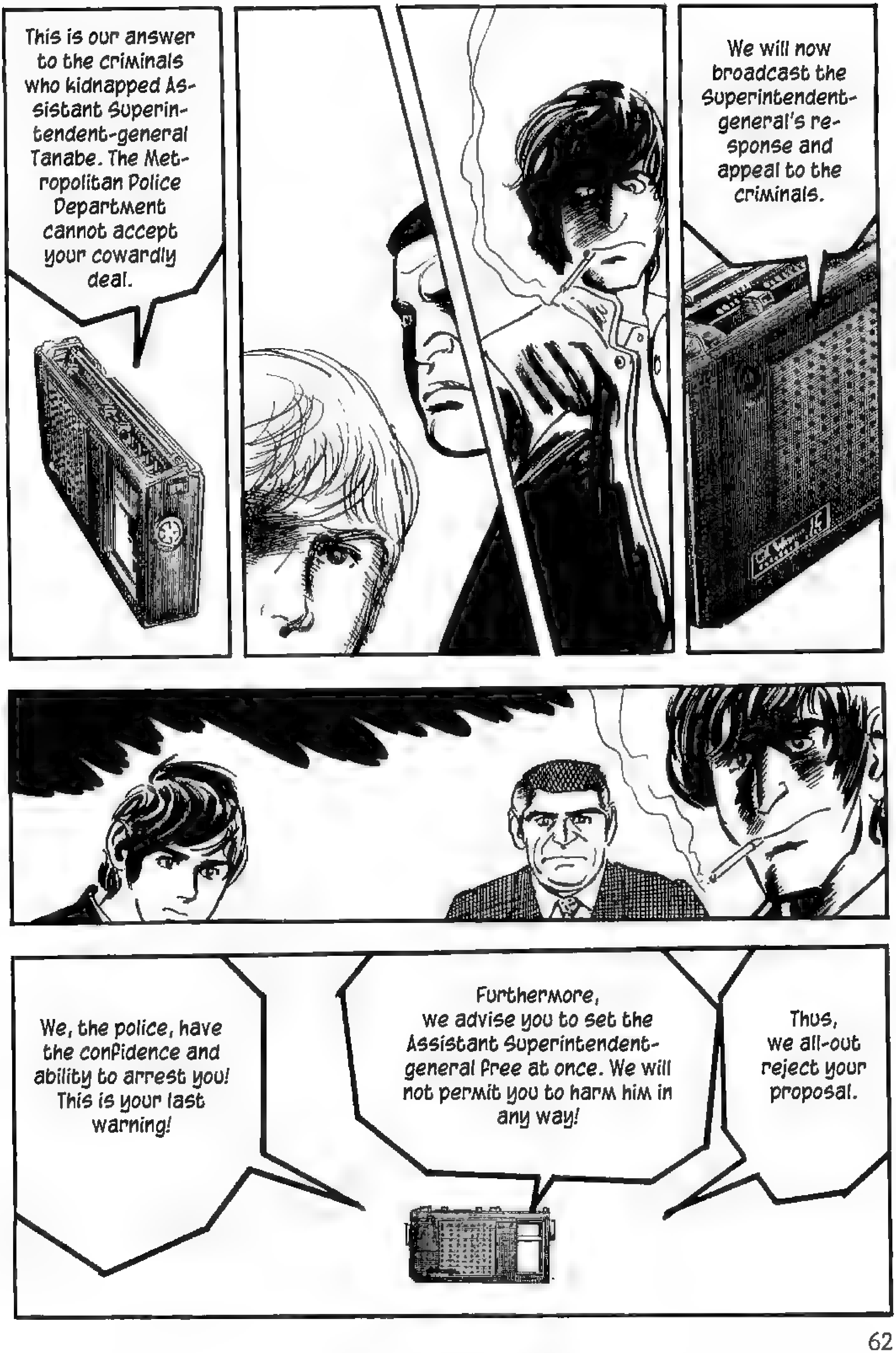
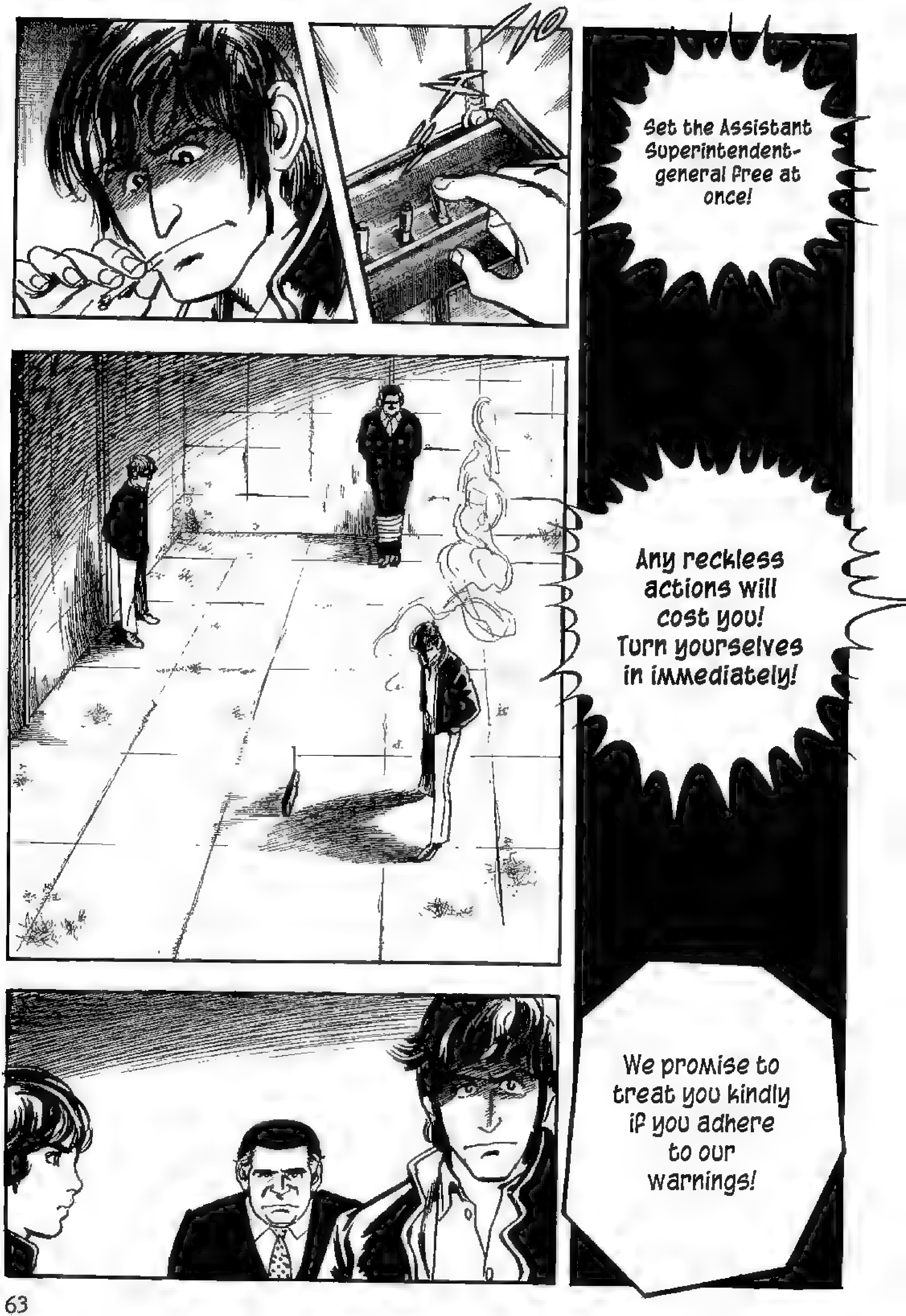
Hahahaha! What a surprise!
週刊ジャーナル
80yen
All of Japan is reacting to this kidnapping incident!

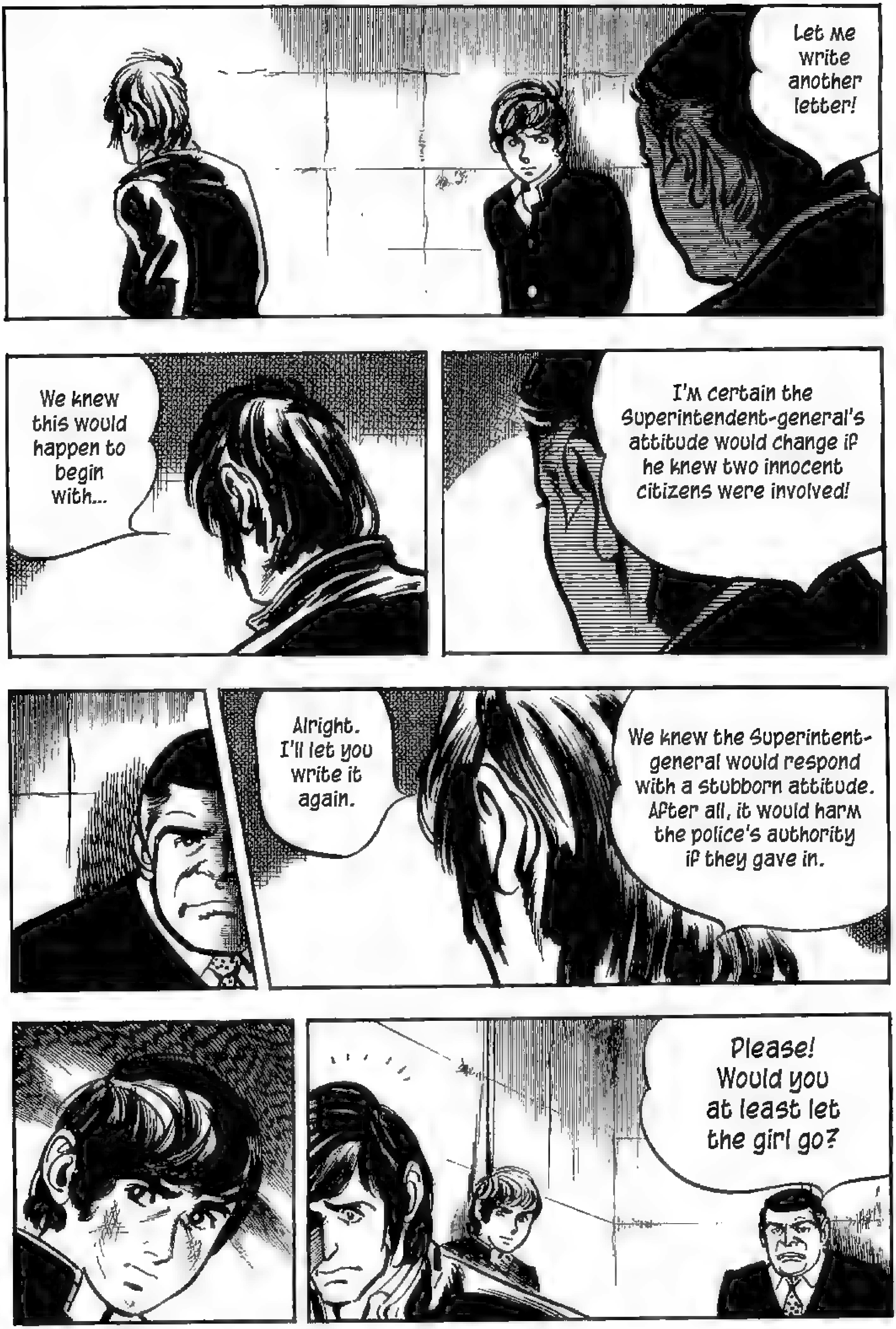

Just one letter in the assistant superintendent-general's handwriting sent from the kidnappers...
and the media descends into a total uproar!
A massive one!
This is no time for that. There's someone sick here.
If you don't move us to a warmer room and treat her, she'll catch pneumonia...
Well, that's a problem. But no doctors.
Not until the Superintendent General releases the guerilla students...
B-But if he takes too long, this girl could die!

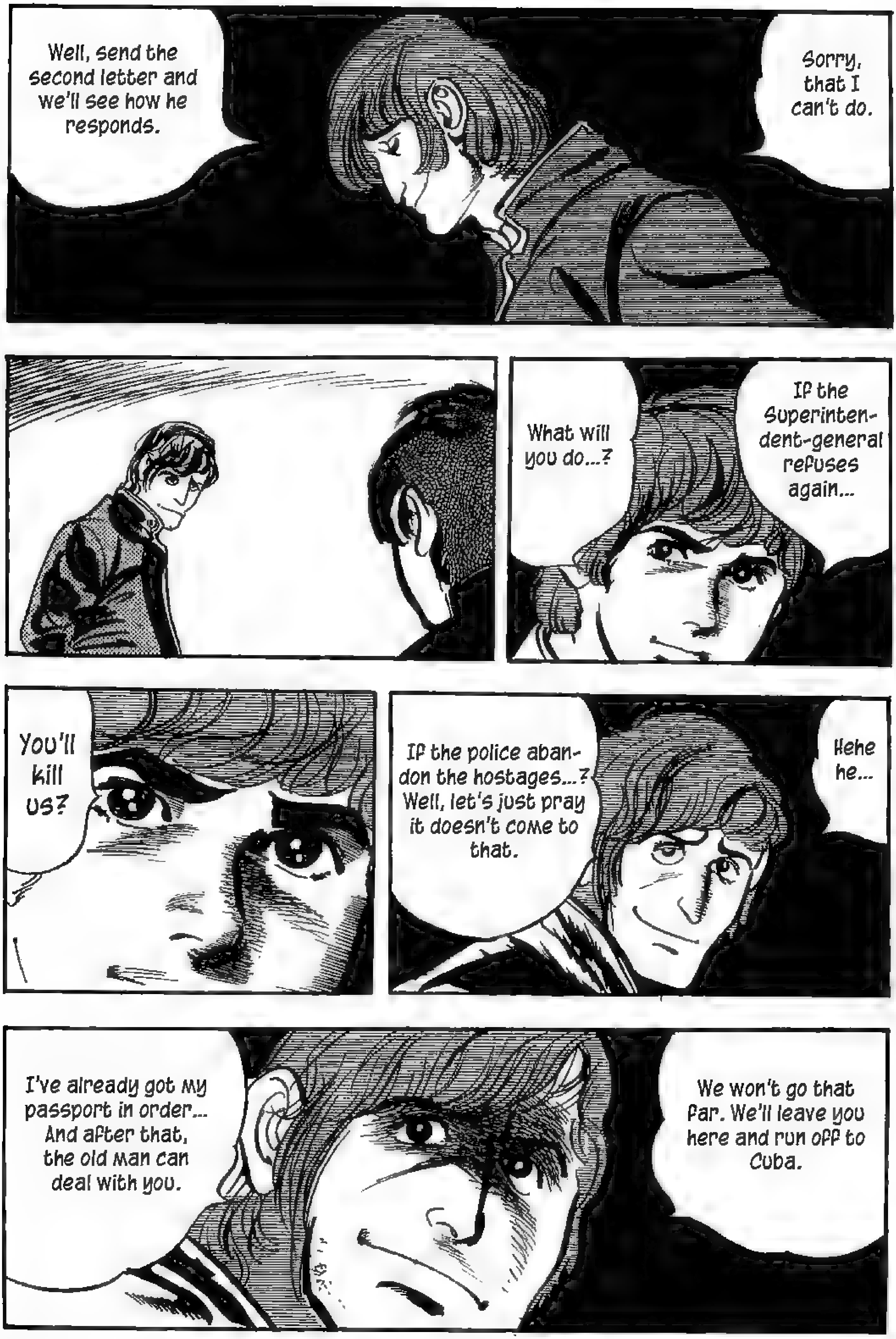

Hehehe... Don't you worry! The Superintendent-General won't abandon you!
Well, we still can't call a doctor... But let's do this.
We'll move the girl upstairs and give her a mattress and some medicine. Then she'll at least get better.
After that, whether or not we release you all depends on the Superintendent General!

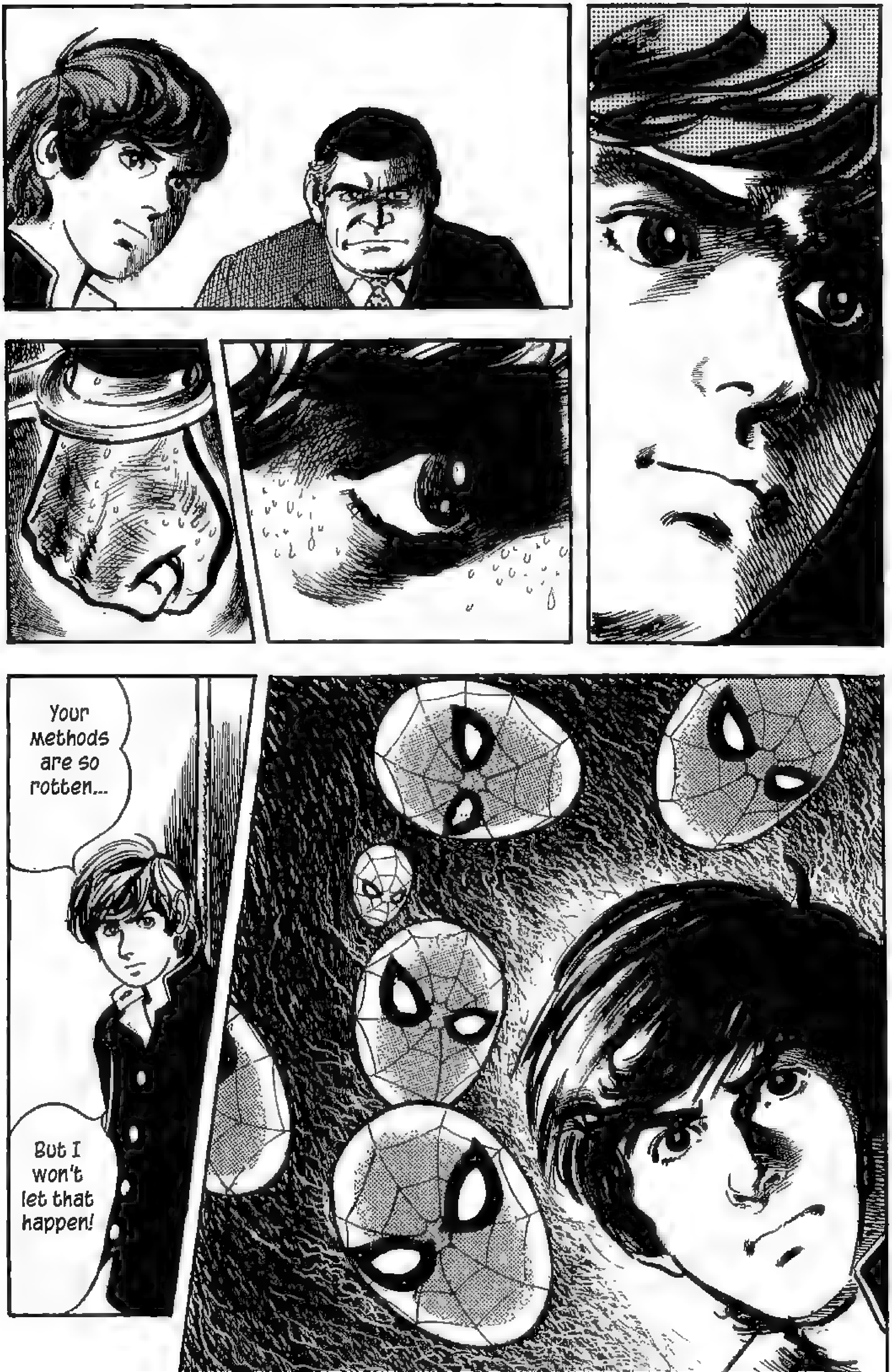

Well, at least that Ryu guy has a bit of kindness.
Yes...
But I'm still worried about her sickness.
If the Superintendent-general gives his answer too late, or gives an answer unfavorable to the kidnappers, it'll be a problem...
If it comes to that, we'll have to do something ourselves! We can't let the girl die!

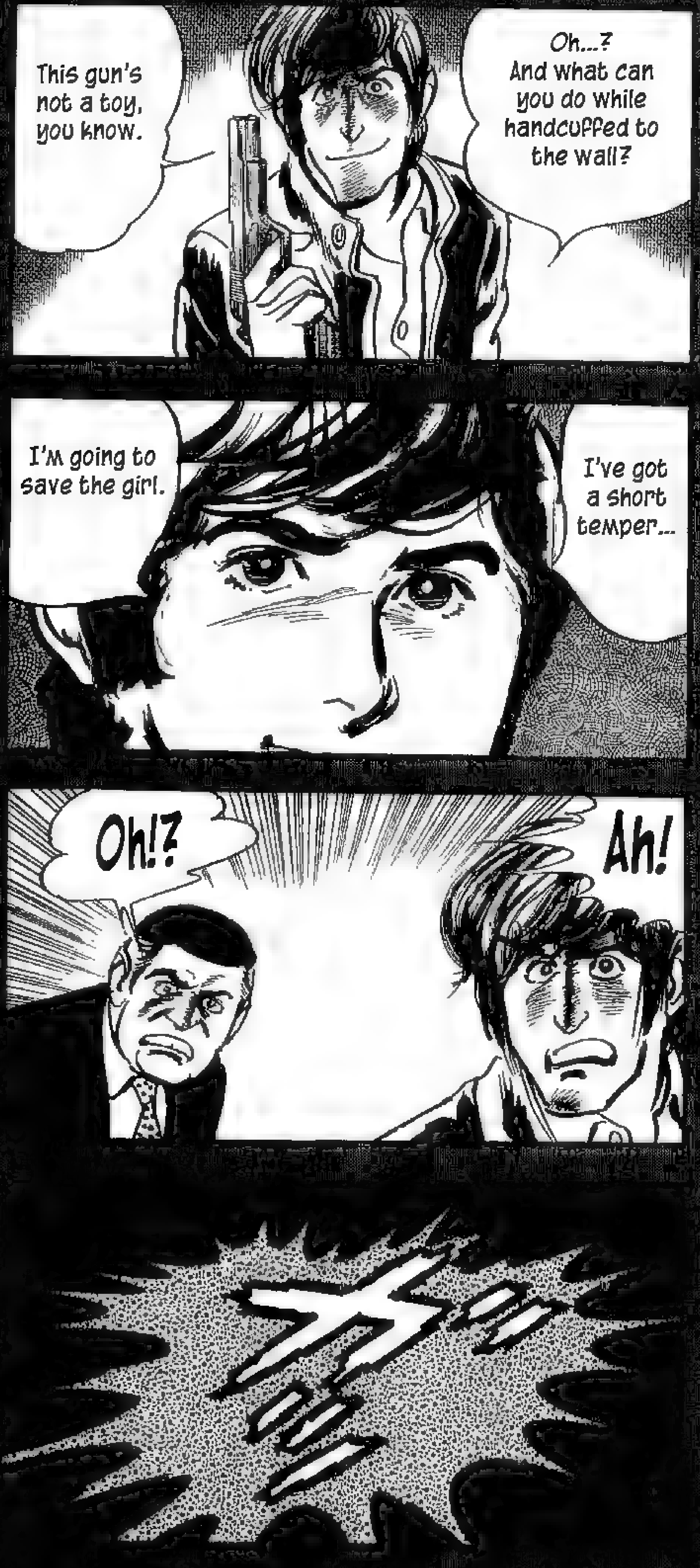

We will now broadcast the Superintendent-general's response and appeal to the criminals.
This is our answer to the criminals who kidnapped Assistant Superintendent-general Tanabe. The Metropolitan Police Department cannot accept your cowardly deal.
Thus, we all-out reject your proposal.
Furthermore, we advise you to set the Assistant Superintendent-general free at once. We will not permit you to harm him in any way!
We, the police, have the confidence and ability to arrest you! This is your last warning!

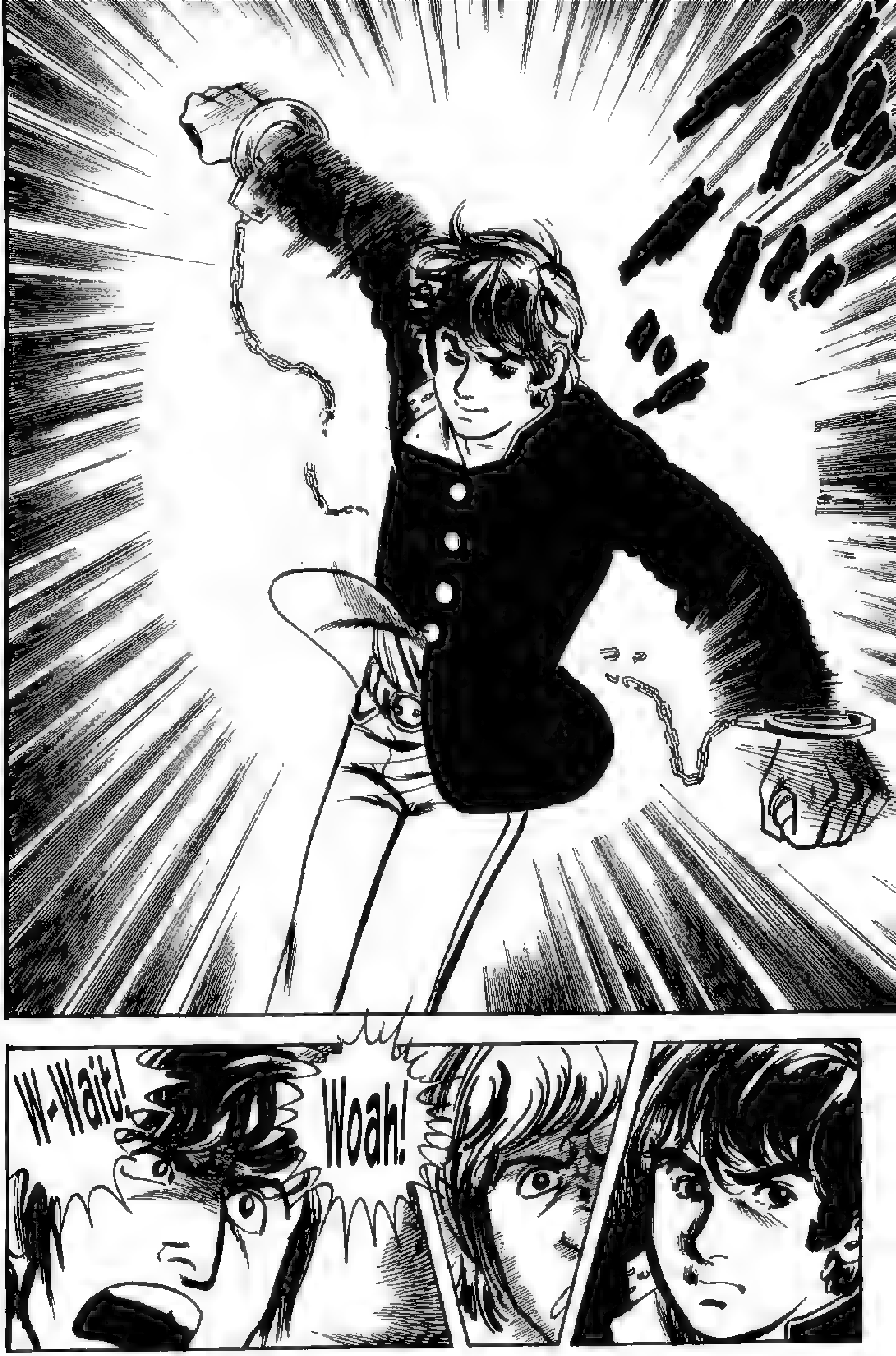

Set the Assistant Superintendent-general free at once!
Any reckless actions will cost you! Turn yourselves in immediately!
We promise to treat you kindly if you adhere to our warnings!

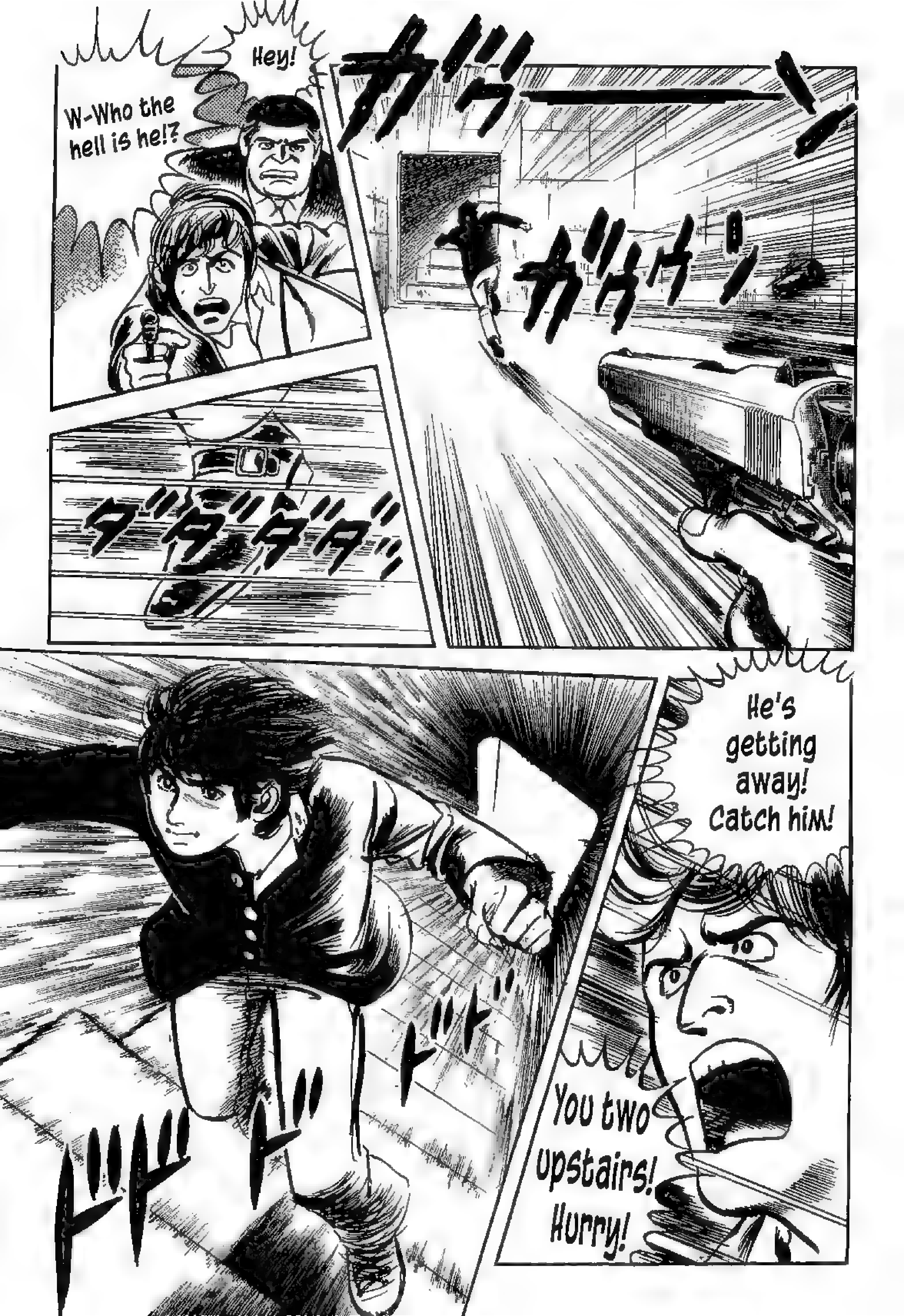

Let me write another letter!
I'm certain the Superintendent-general's attitude would change if he knew two innocent citizens were involved!
We knew this would happen to begin with...
We knew the Superintendent-general would respond with a stubborn attitude. After all, it would harm the police's authority if they gave in.
Alright. I'll let you write it again.
Please! Would you at least let the girl go?


Sorry, that I can't do.
Well, send the second letter and we'll see how he responds.
If the Superintendent-general refuses again...
What will you do...?
You'll kill us?
Hehe he...
If the police abandon the hostages...? Well, let's just pray it doesn't come to that.
We won't go that far. We'll leave you here and run off to Cuba.
I've already got my passport in order... And after that, the old man can deal with you.


Your Methods are so rotten...
But I won't let that happen!


Oh...? And what can you do while handcuffed to the wall?
This gun's not a toy, you know.
I've got a short temper...
I'm going to save the girl.
Ah!
Oh!?


Woah!
W-Wait!


Hey!
W-Who the hell is he!?
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He's getting away! Catch him!
You two upstairs! Hurry!
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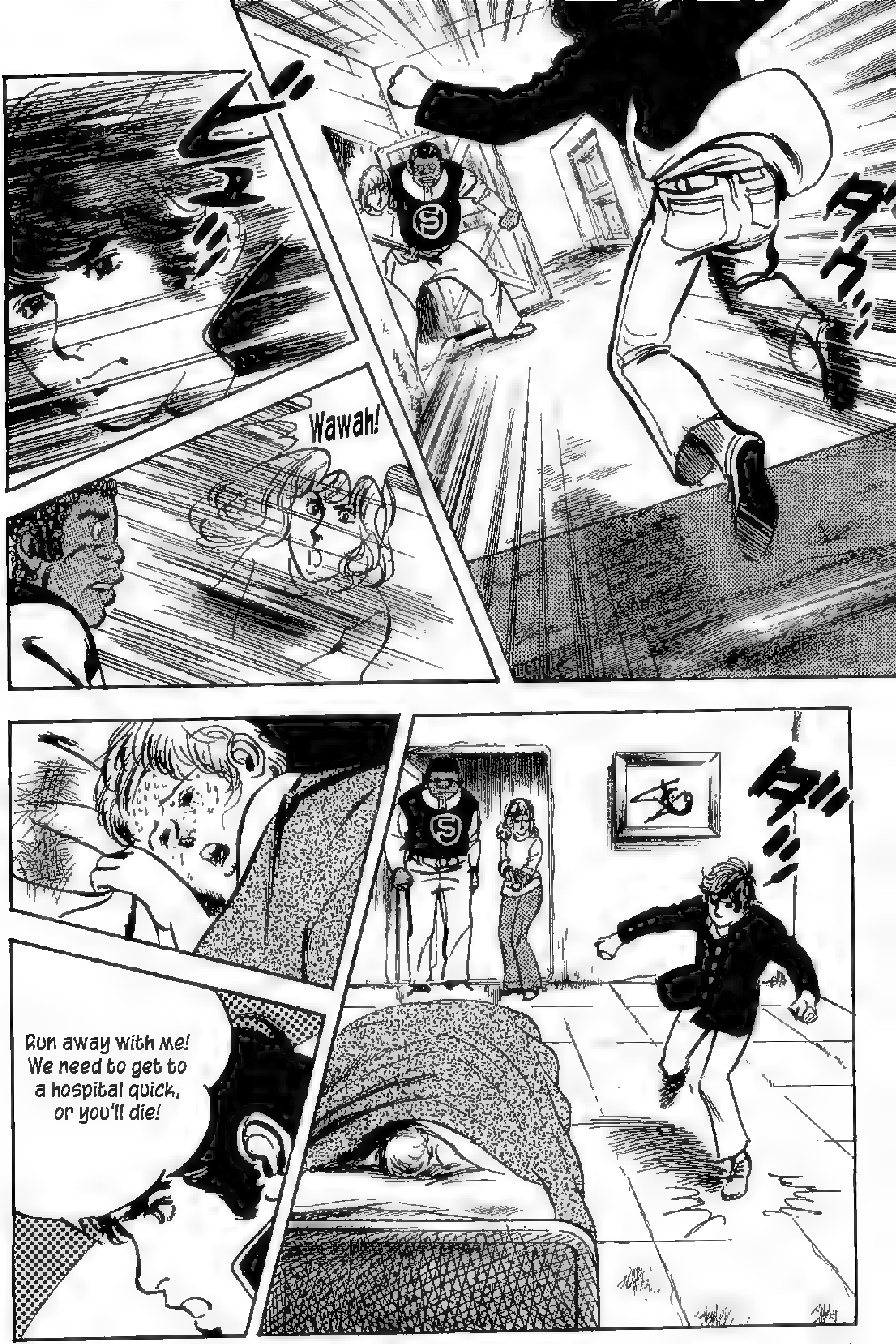
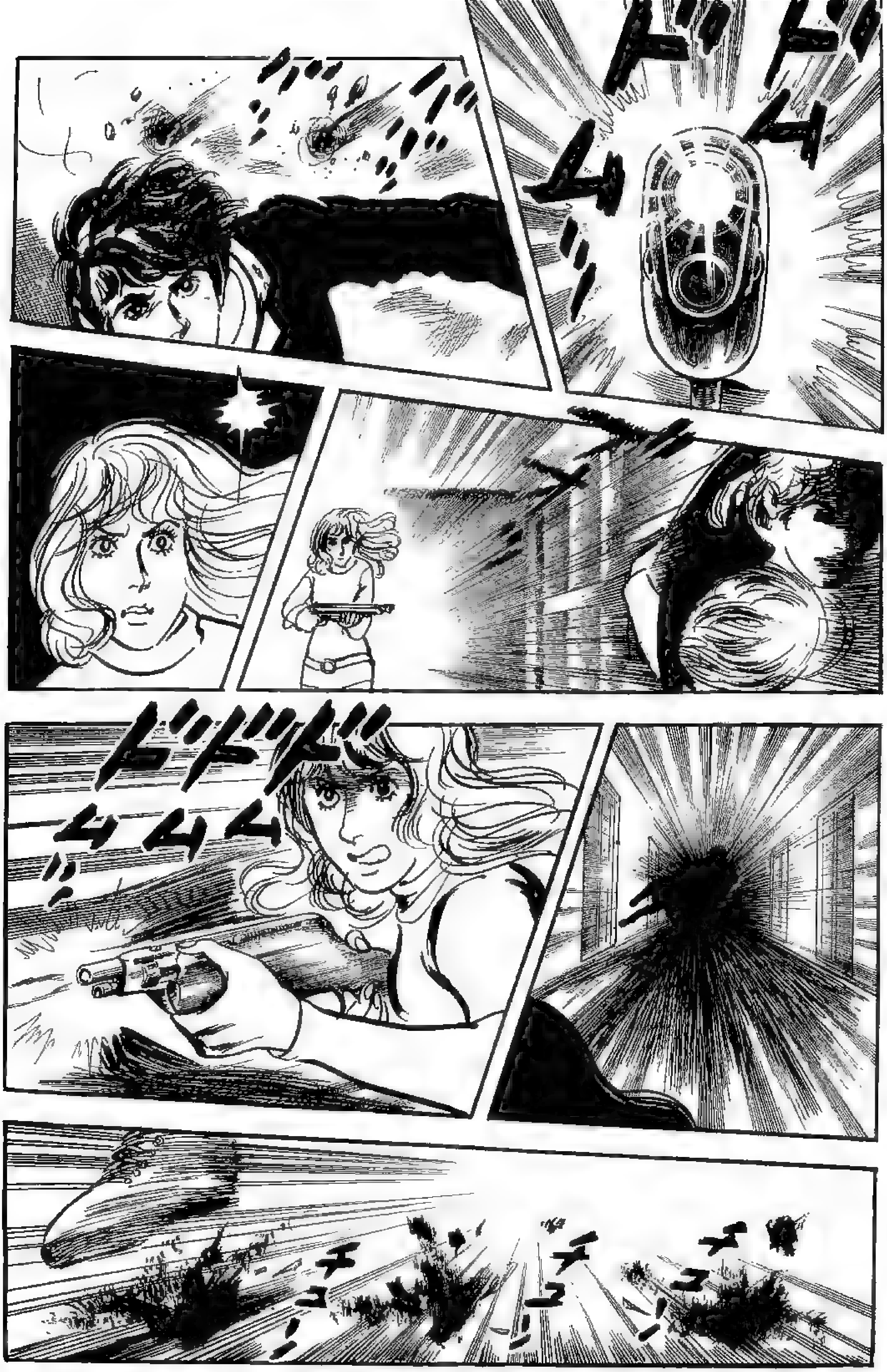

Wawah!
Run away with me! We need to get to a hospital quick, or you'll die!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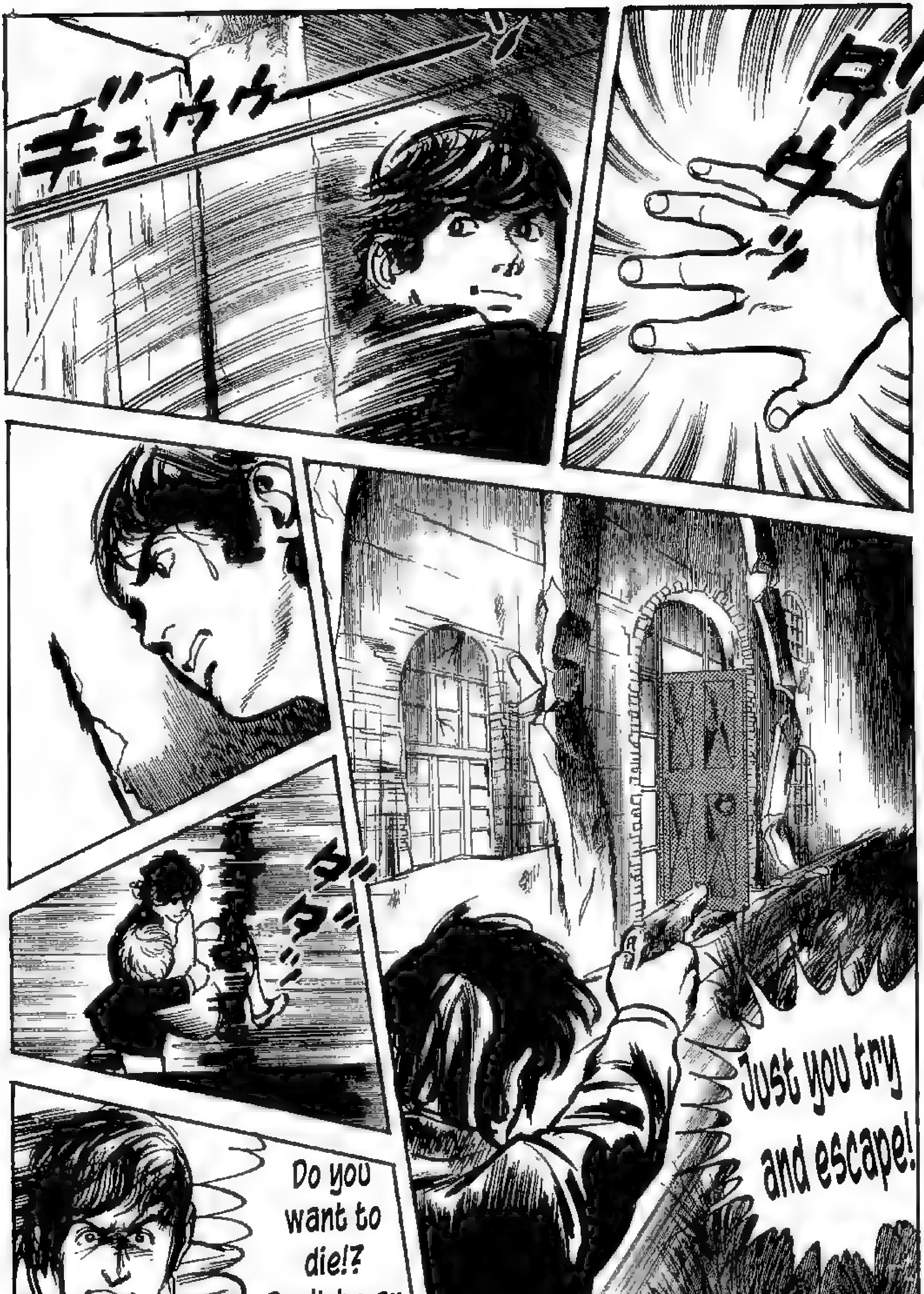
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Just you try and escape!
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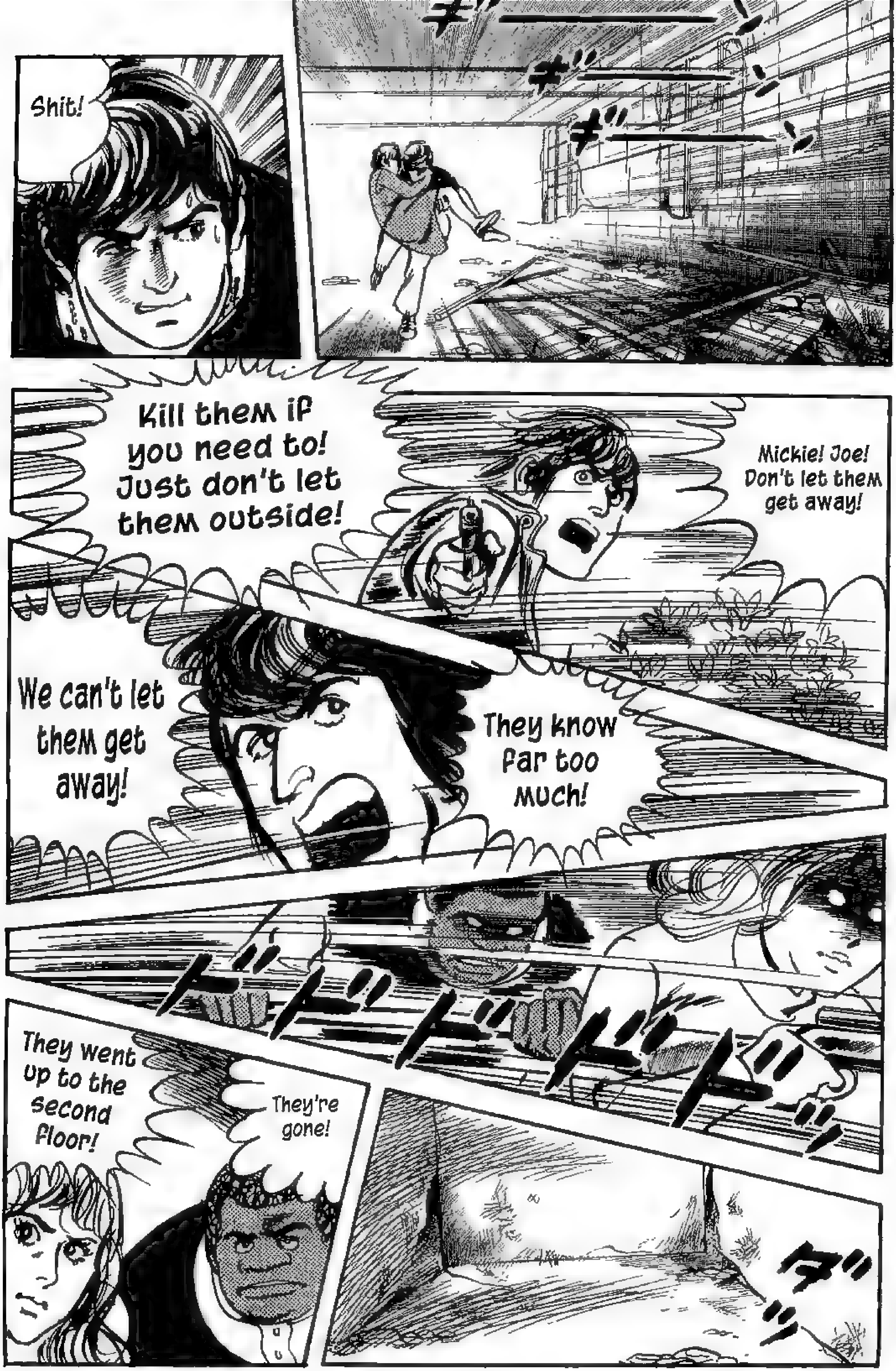
Do you want to die!? Don't be an idiot!


Shit!
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Kill them if you need to! Just don't let them outside!
Mickie! Joe! Don't let them get away!
We can't let them get away!
They know far too much!
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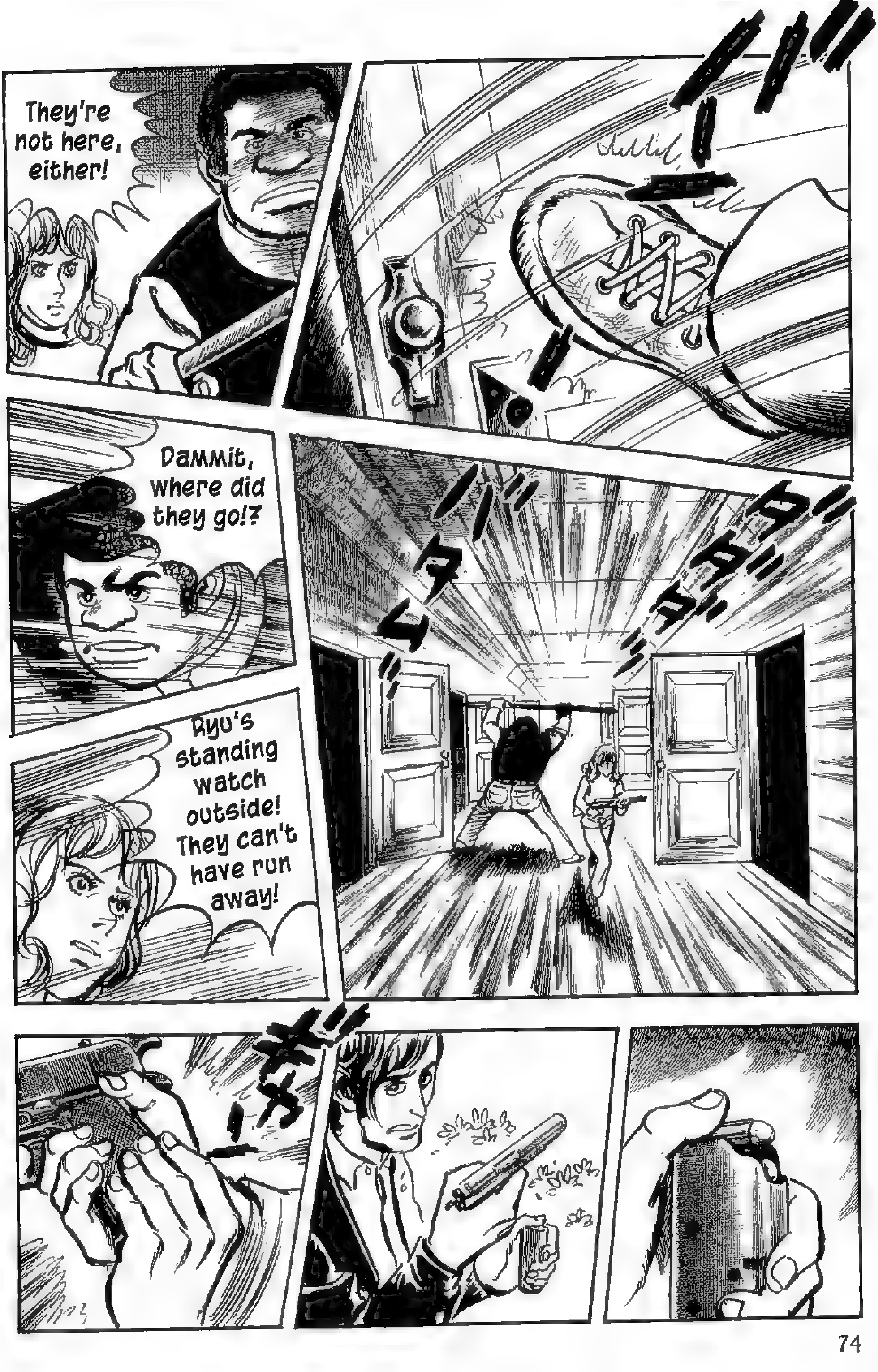
They went up to the second floor!
They're gone!
ダッ


They're not here, either!
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Dammit, where did they go!?
Ryu's standing watch outside! They can't have run away!
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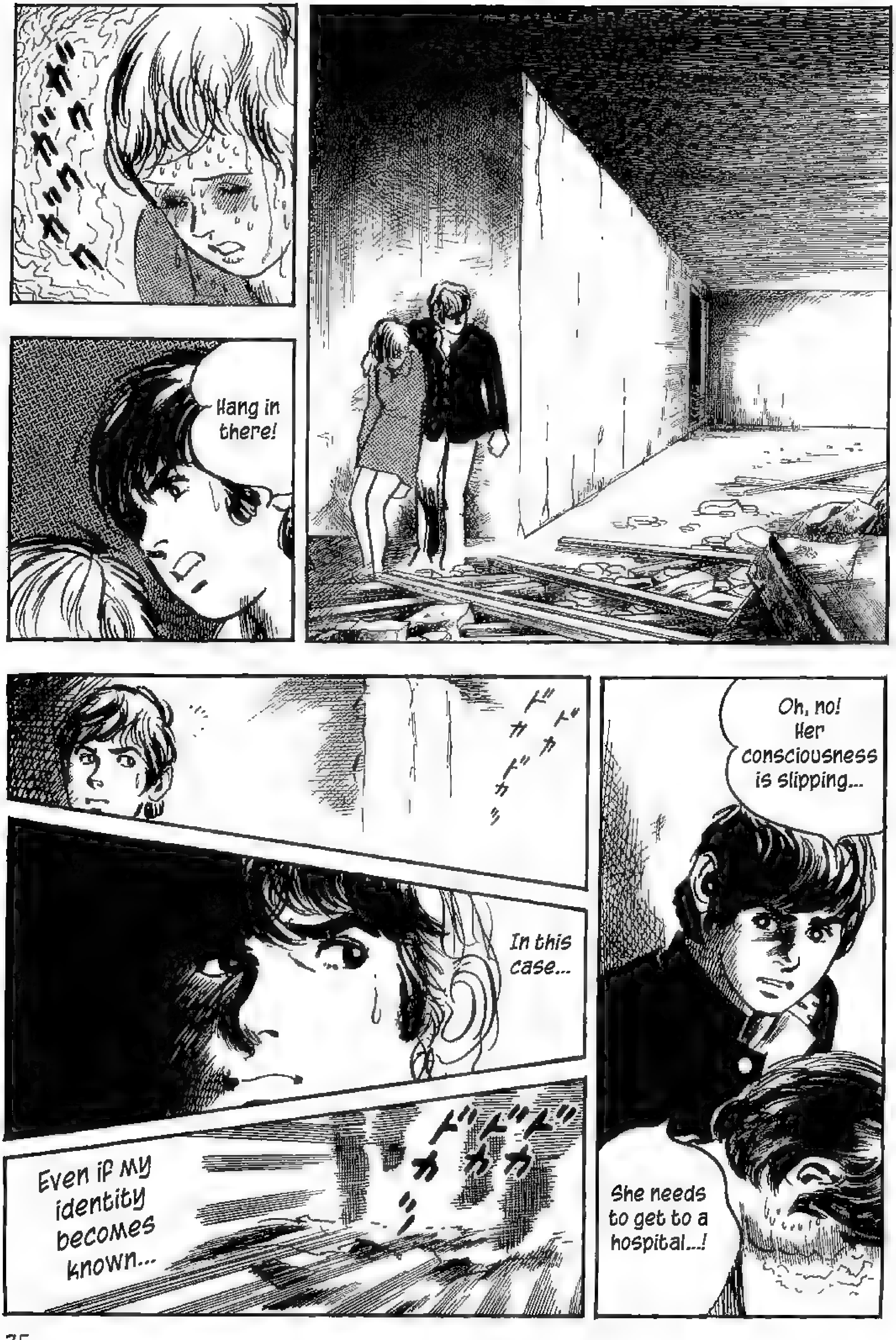
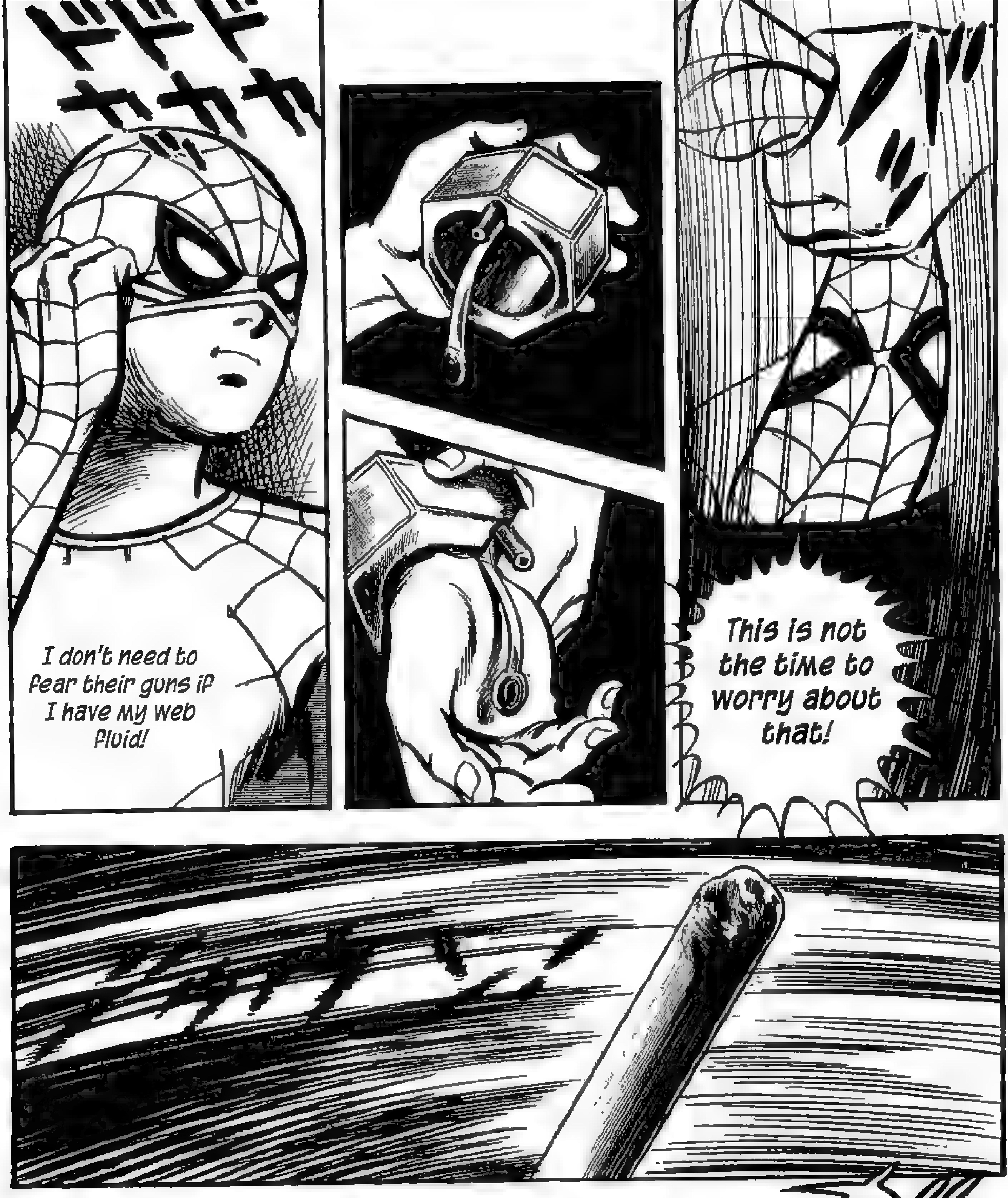
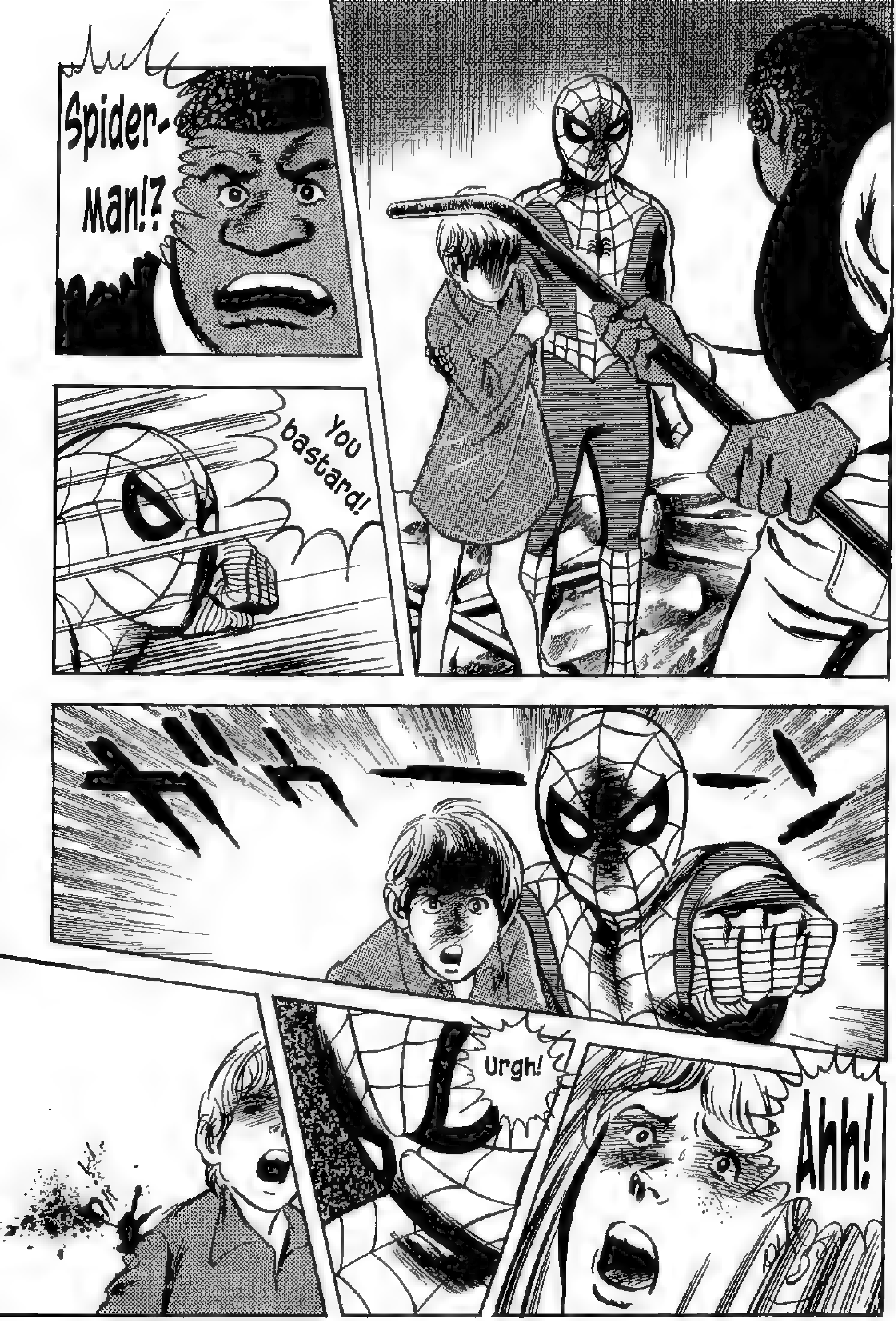
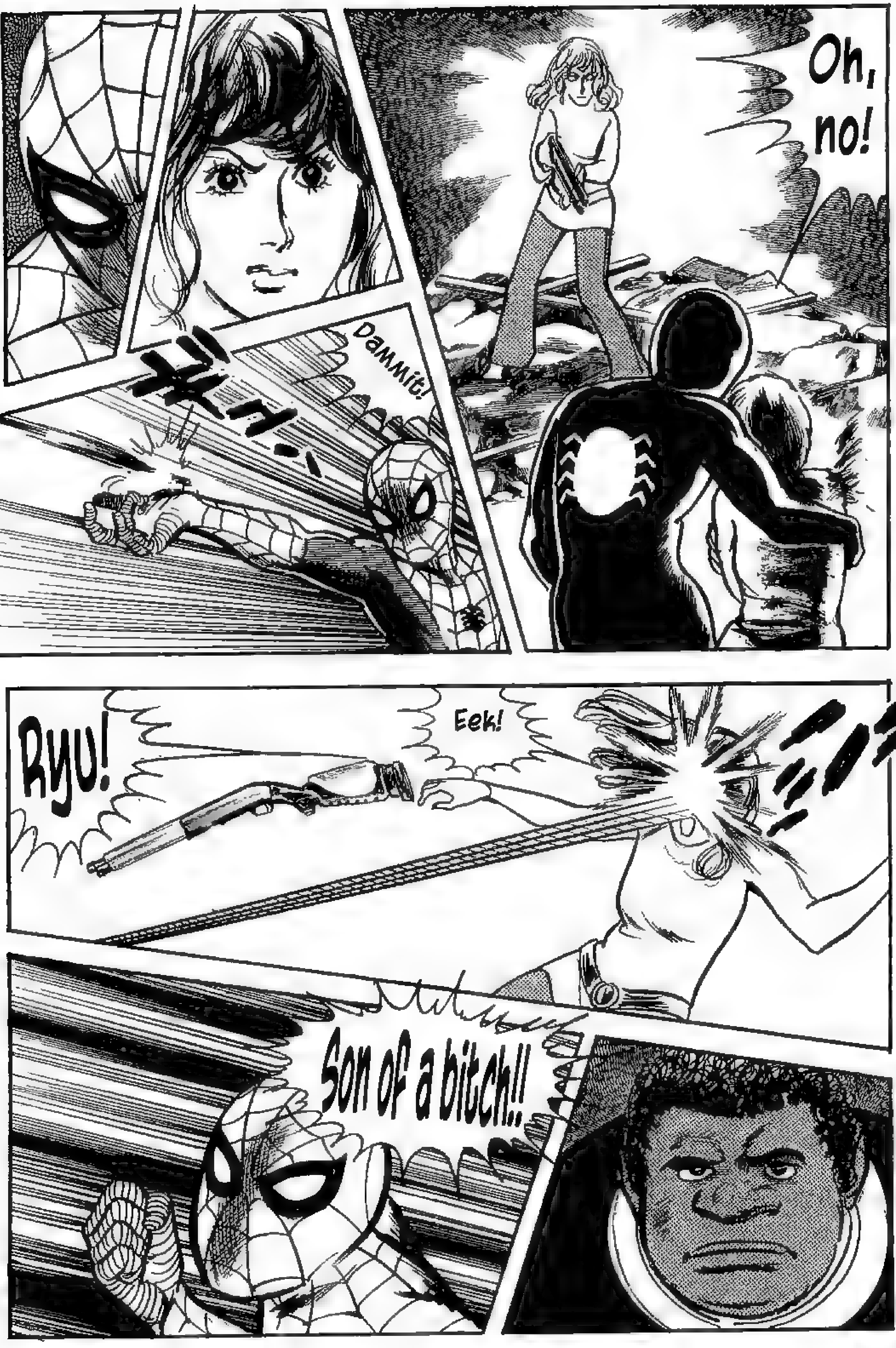
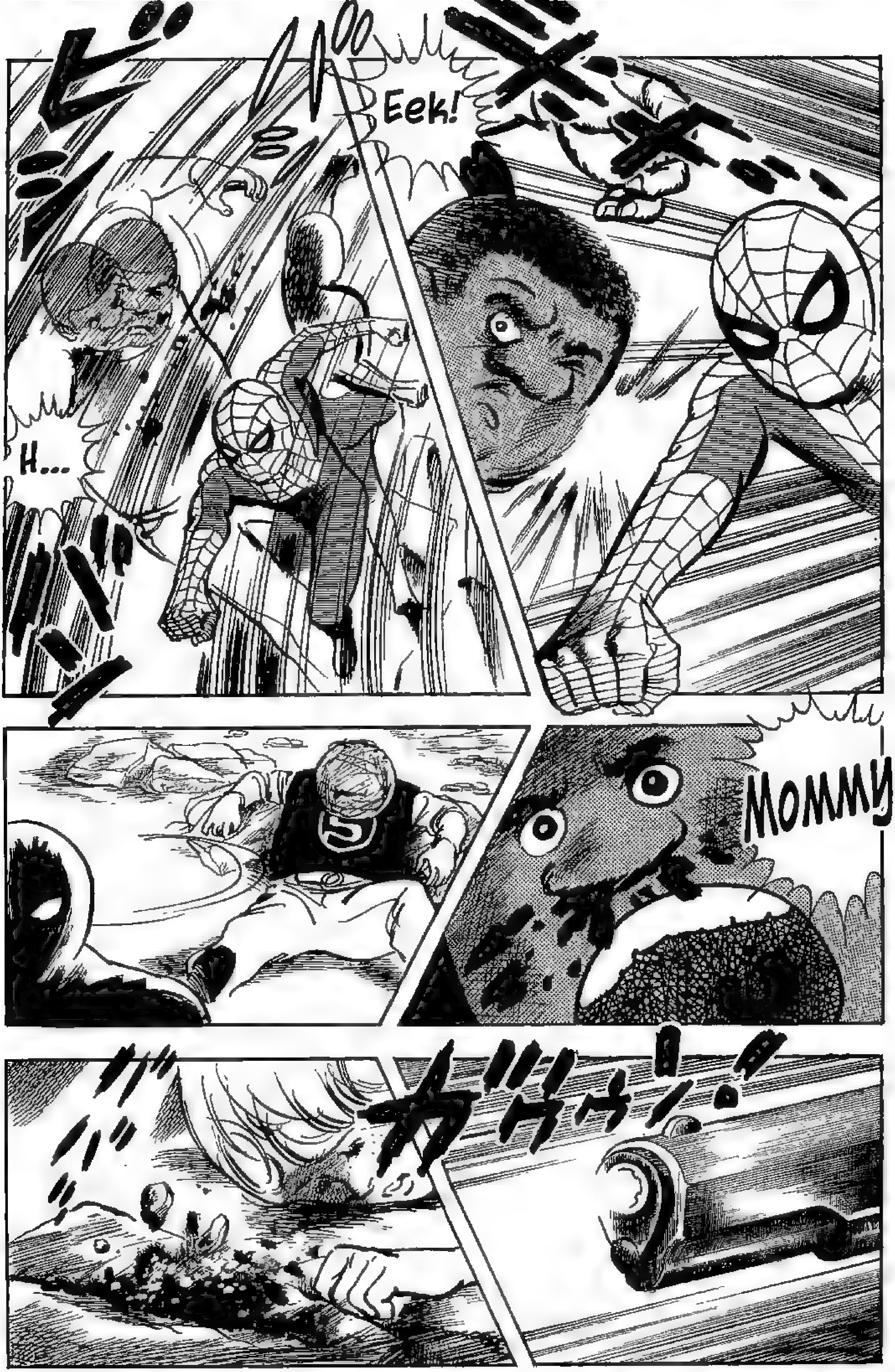
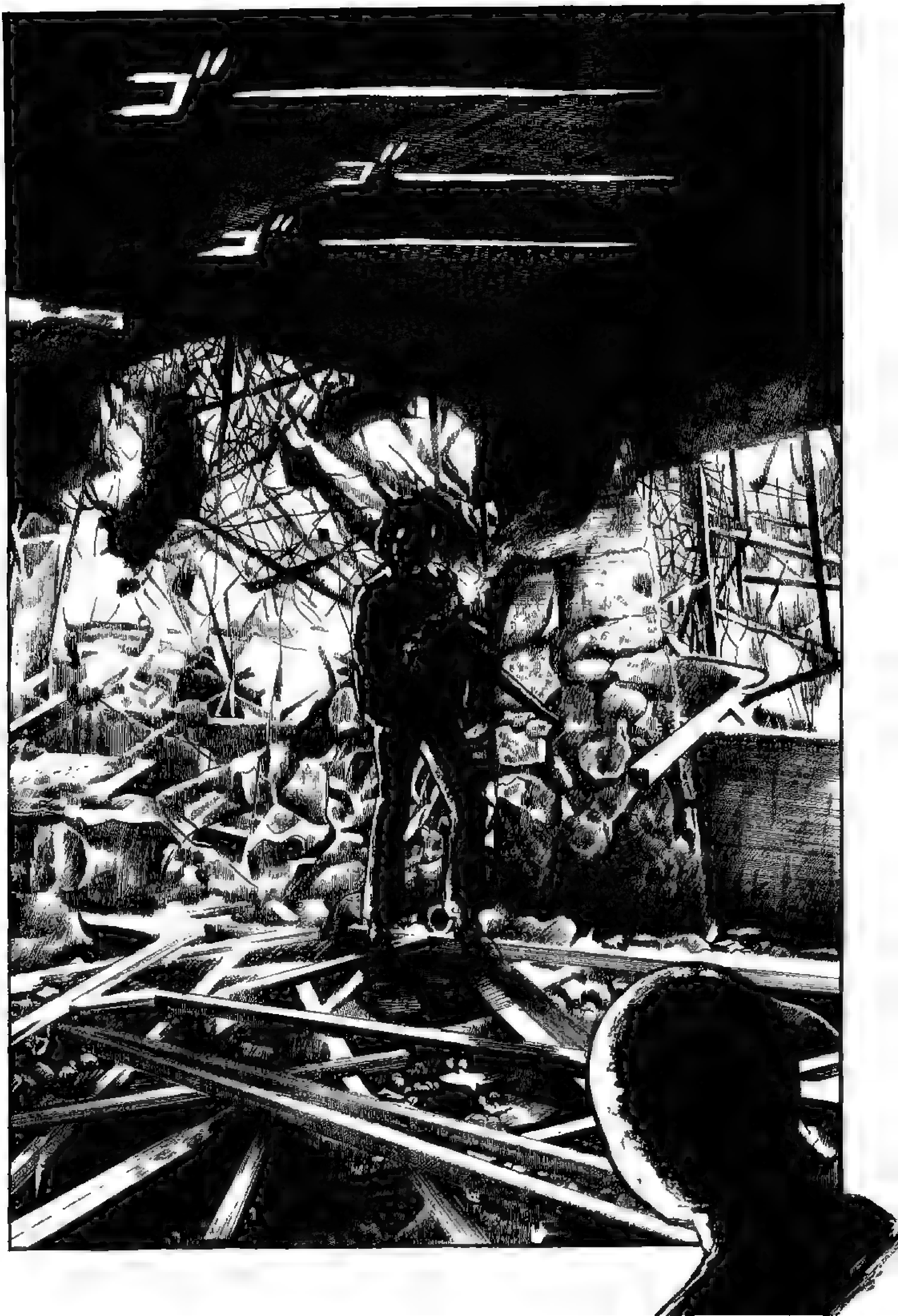

Hang in there!
Oh, no! Her consciousness is slipping...
She needs to get to a hospital...!
In this case...
Even if my identity becomes known...


I don't need to fear their guns if I have my web fluid!
This is not the time to worry about that!


Spider-man!?
You bastard!
Urgh!
Ahh!


Oh, no!
Dammit!
ギュッ!
Ryu!
Eek!
Son of a bitch!!


Eek!
H...
Mommy!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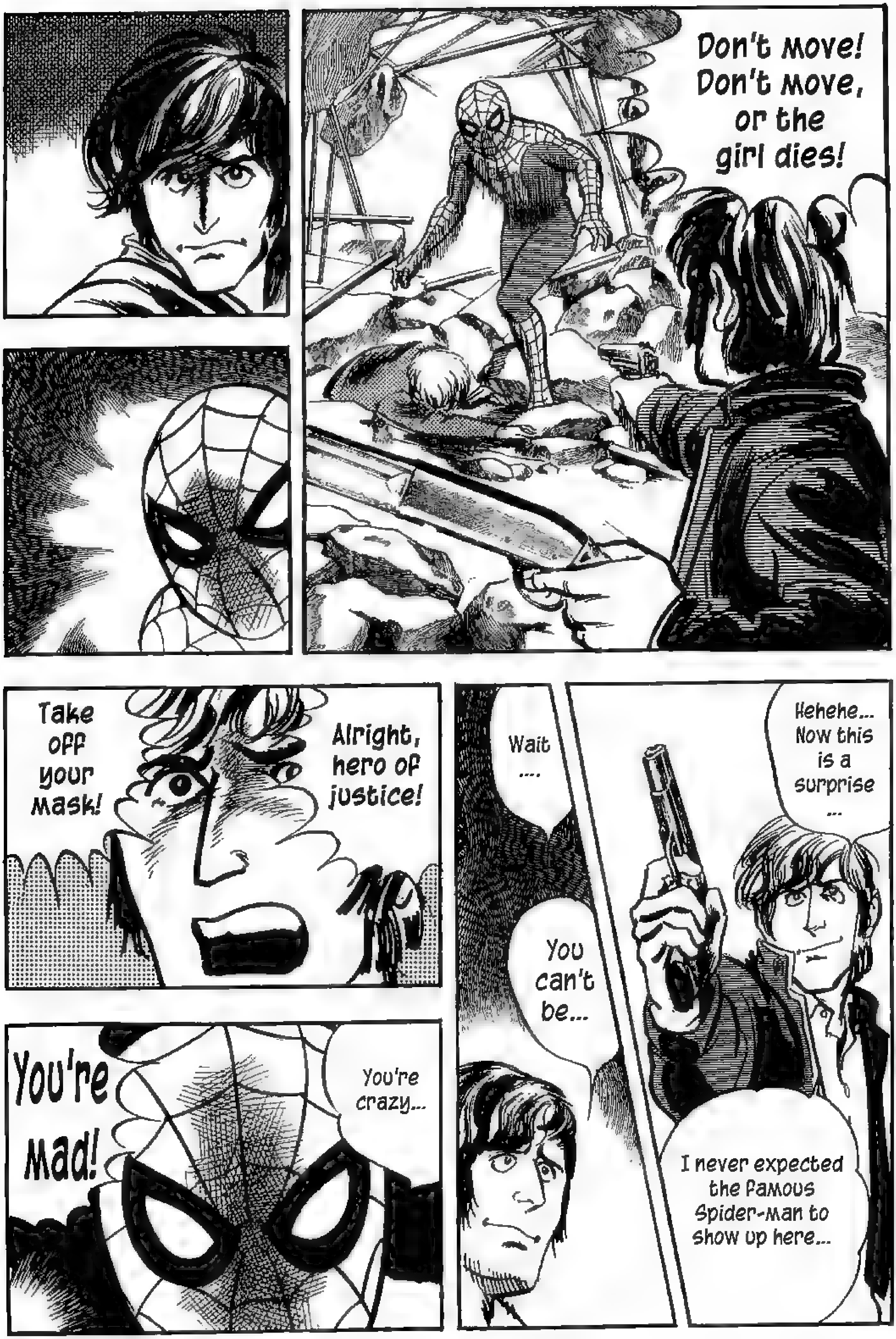
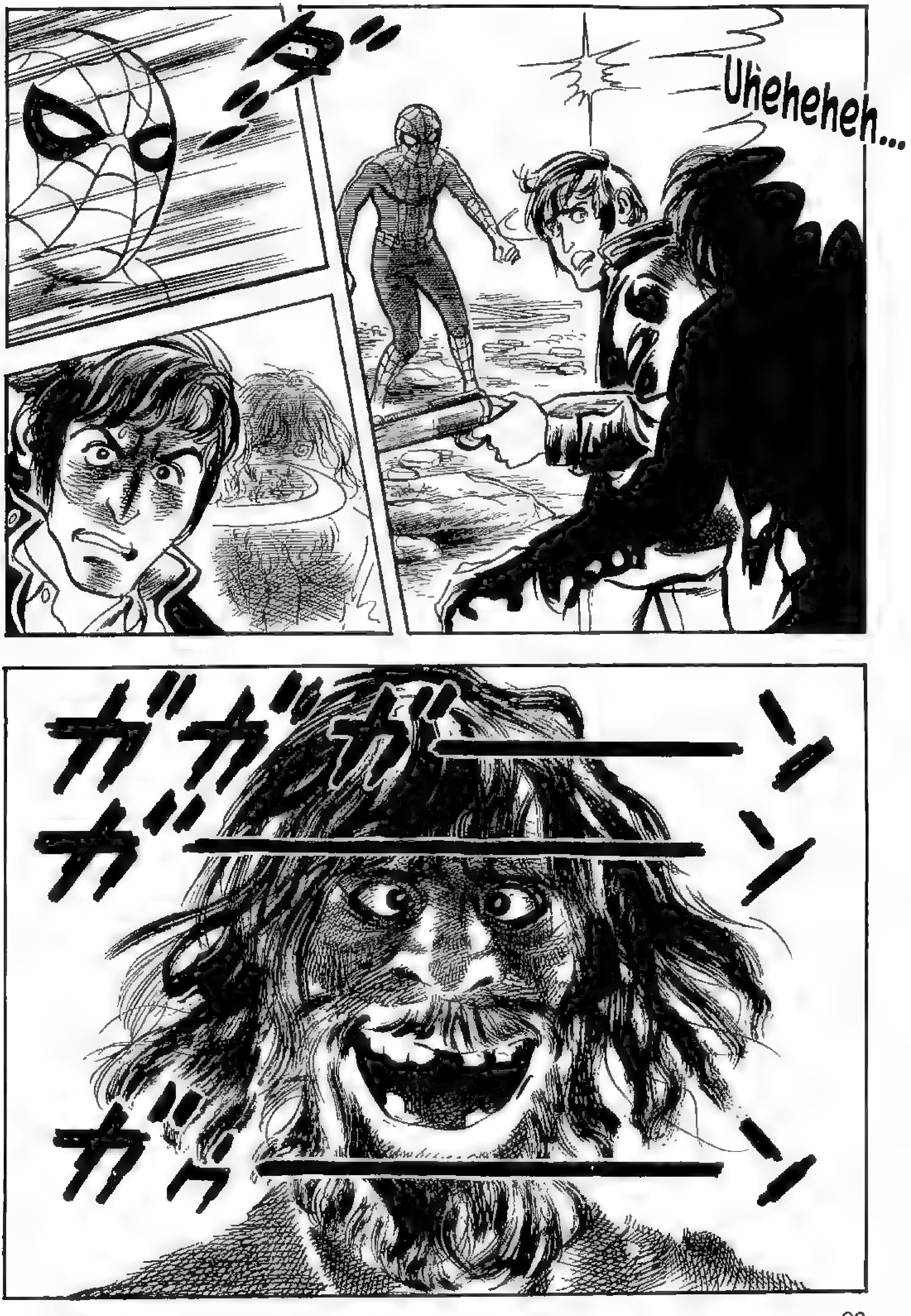

Don't move! Don't move, or the girl dies!
Alright, hero of justice!
Take off your mask!
Hehehe... Now this is a surprise ...
Wait ....
You can't be...
I never expected the famous Spider-Man to show up here...
You're crazy...
You're mad!


Uheheheh...
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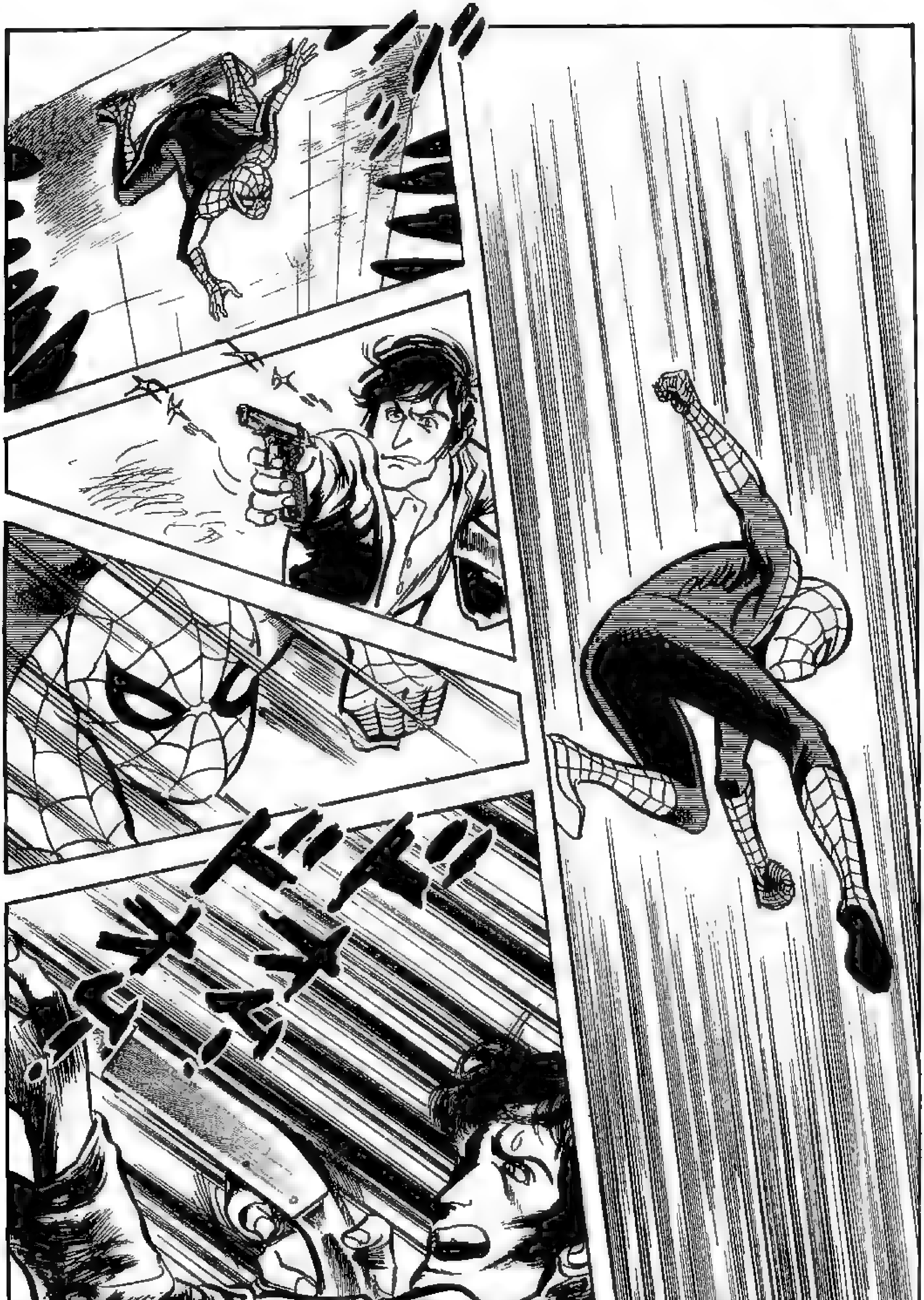
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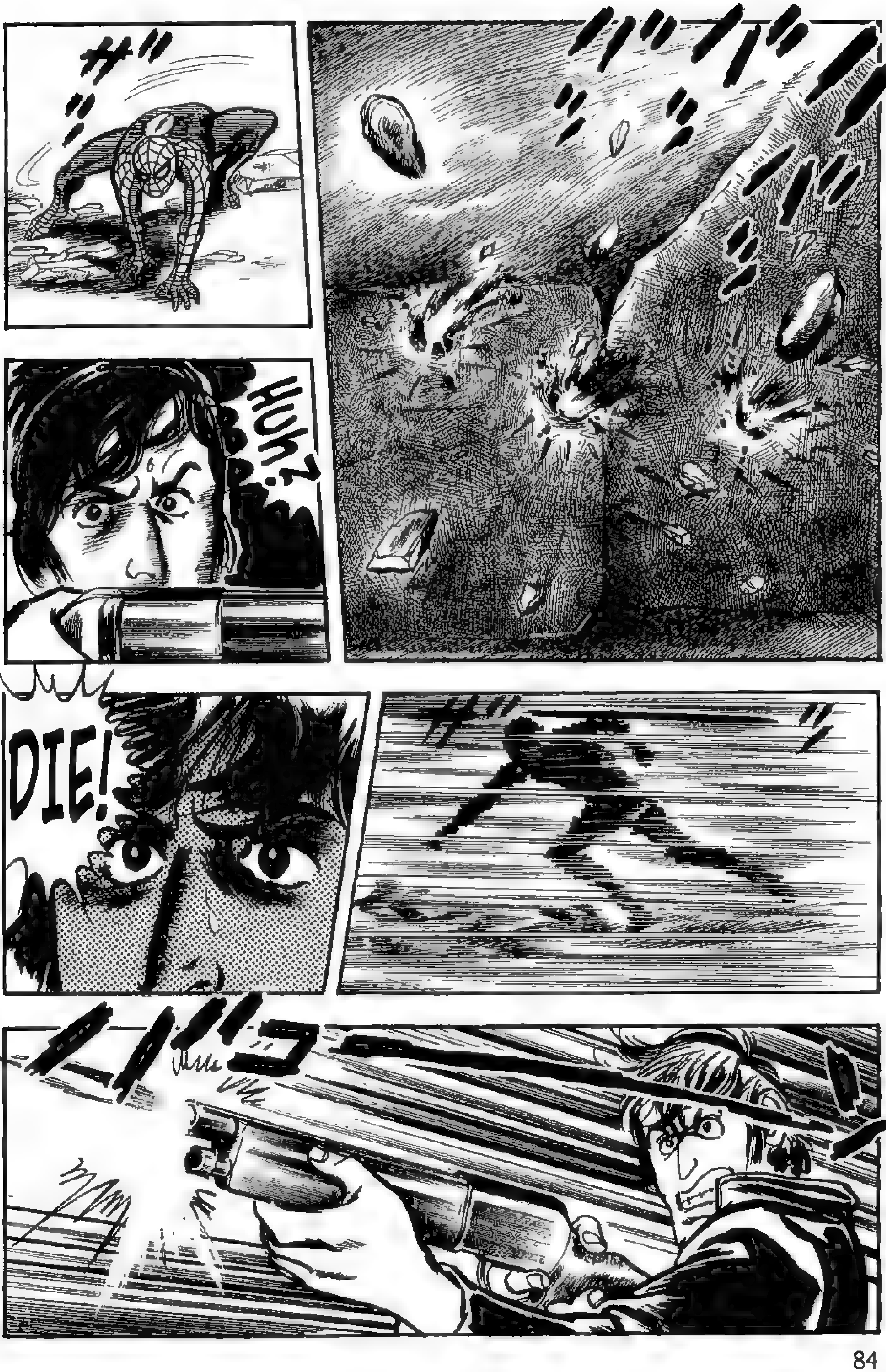
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HUH?!
DIE!
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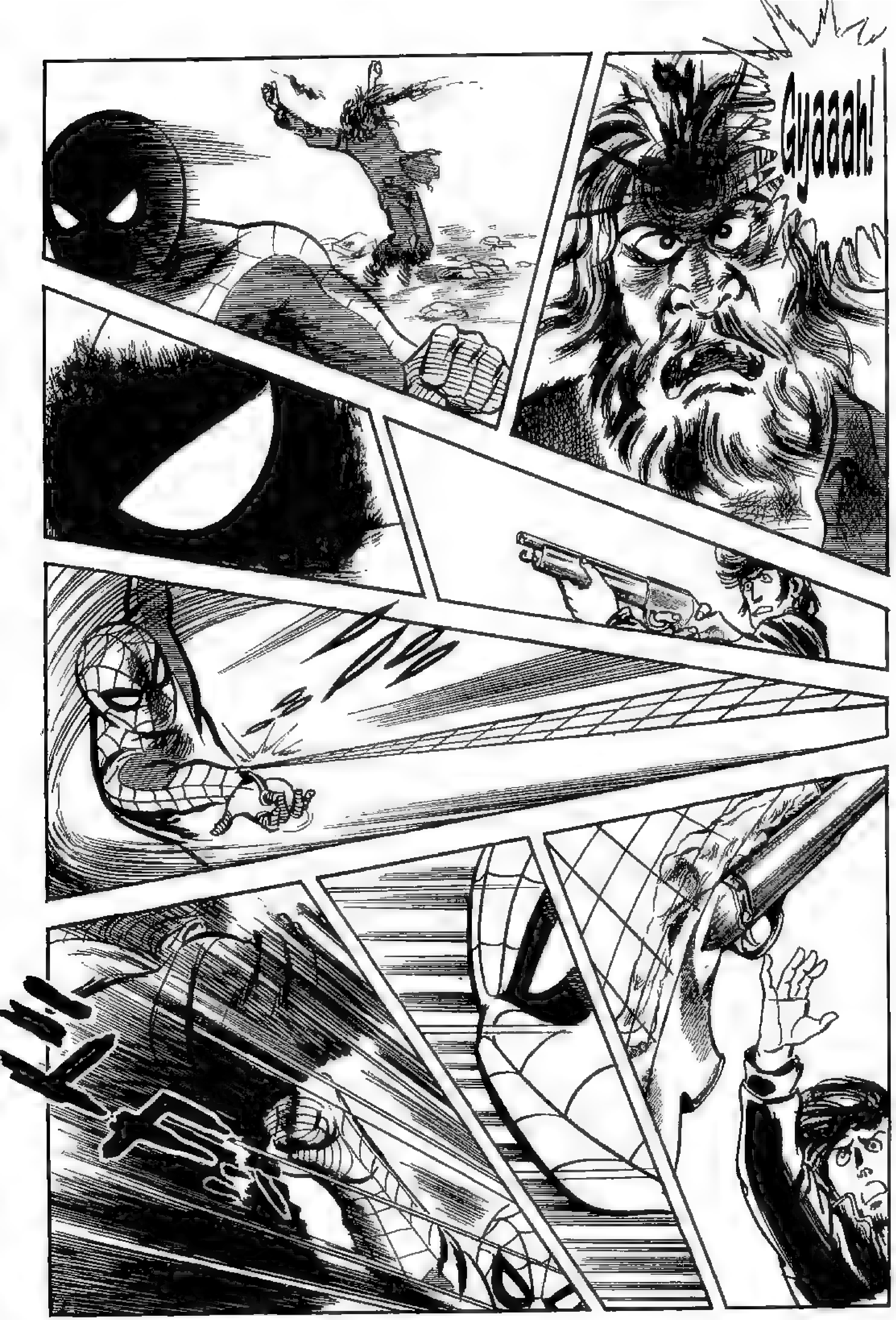
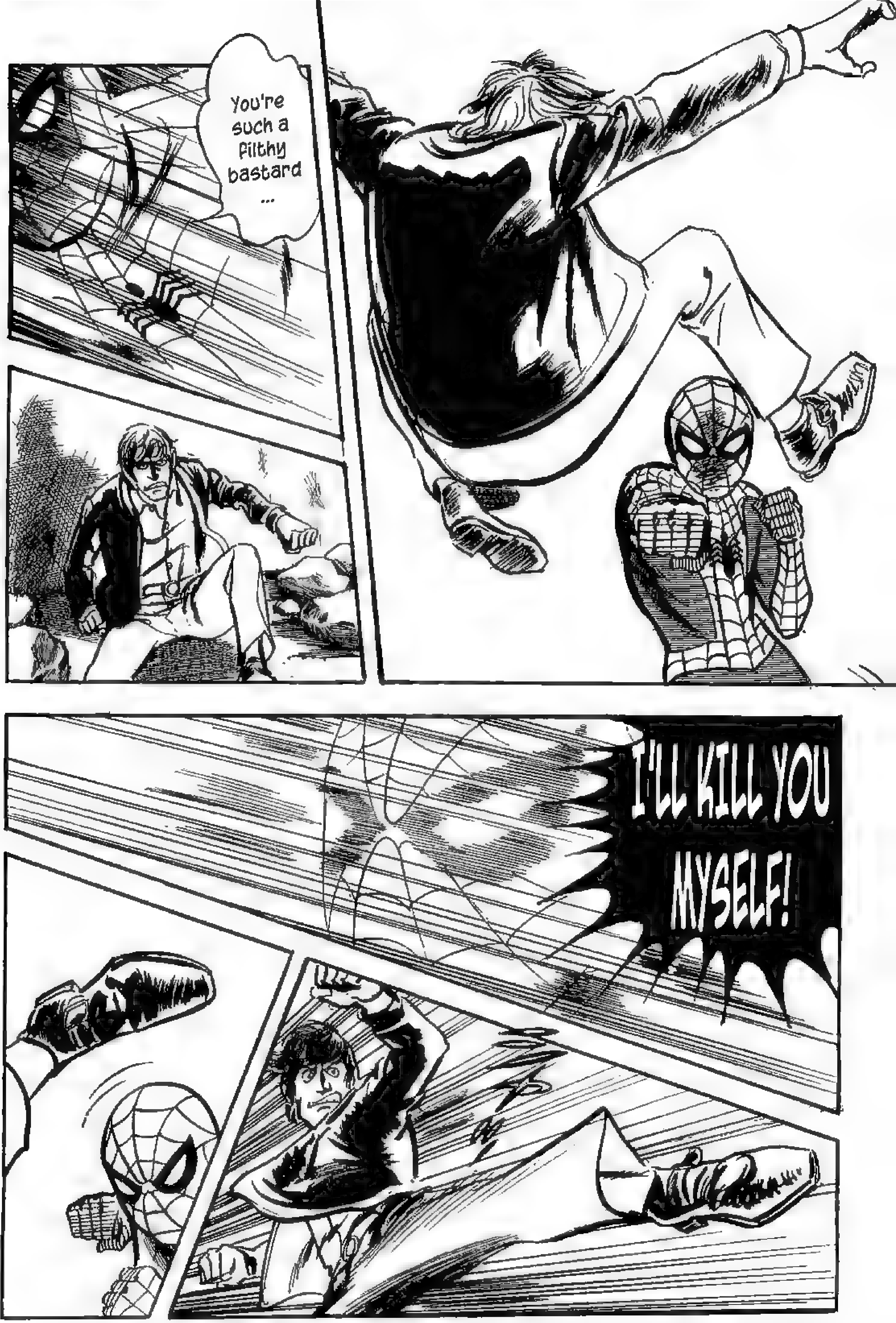
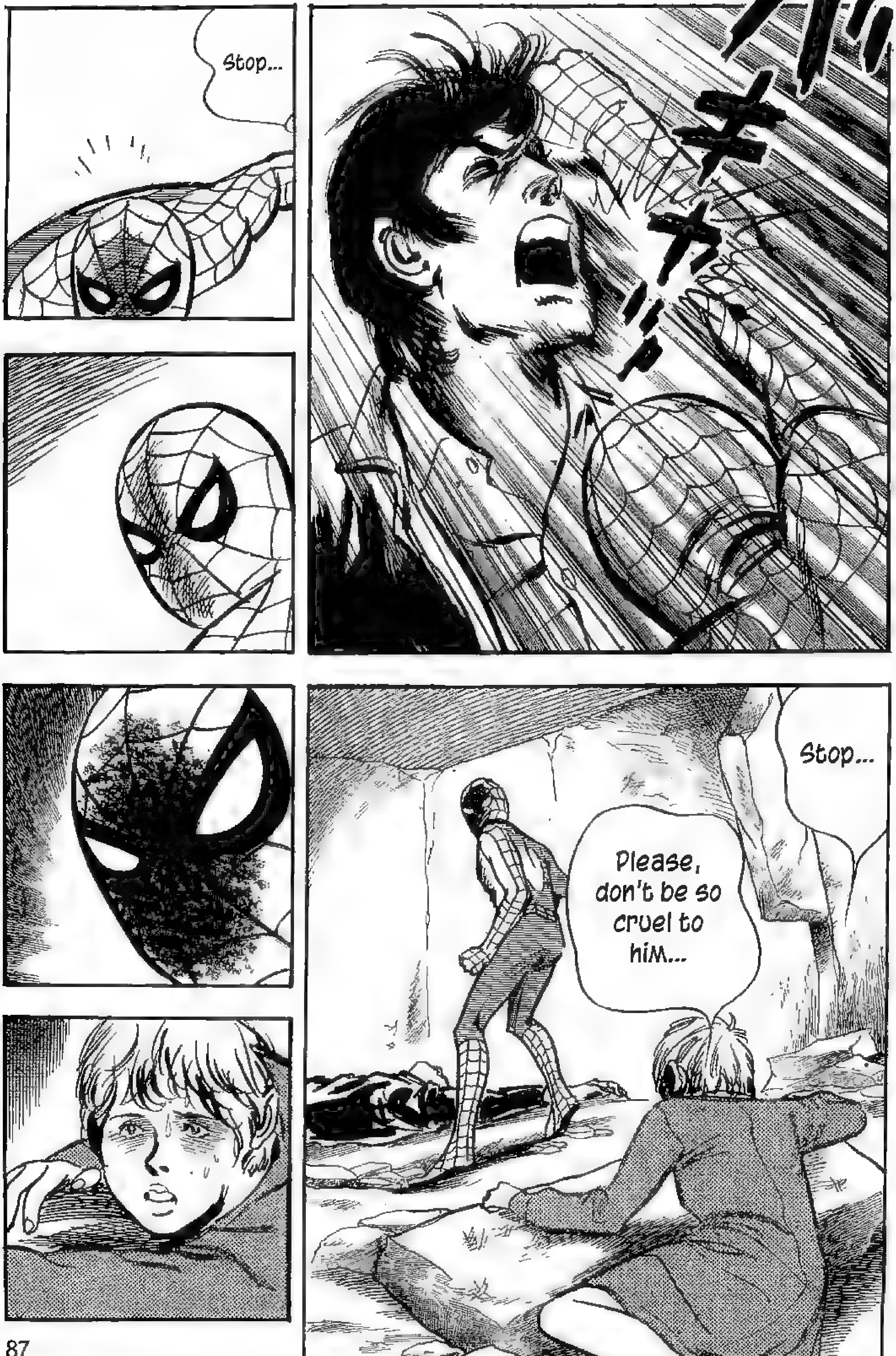
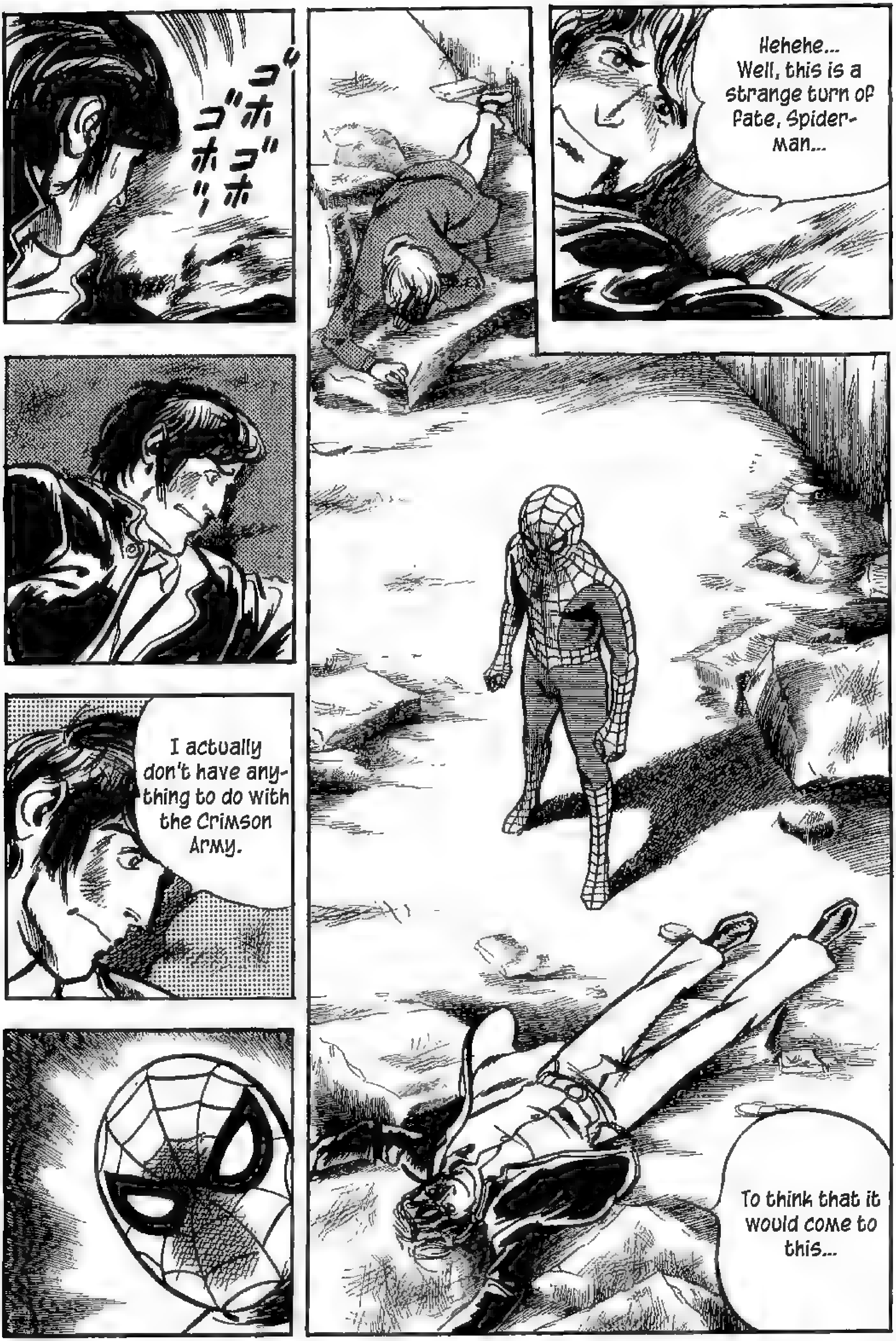

Gyaaah!


You're such a filthy bastard ...
I'LL KILL YOU MYSELF!


Stop...
Stop...
Please, don't be so cruel to him...


Hehehe... Well, this is a strange turn of fate, Spider-Man...
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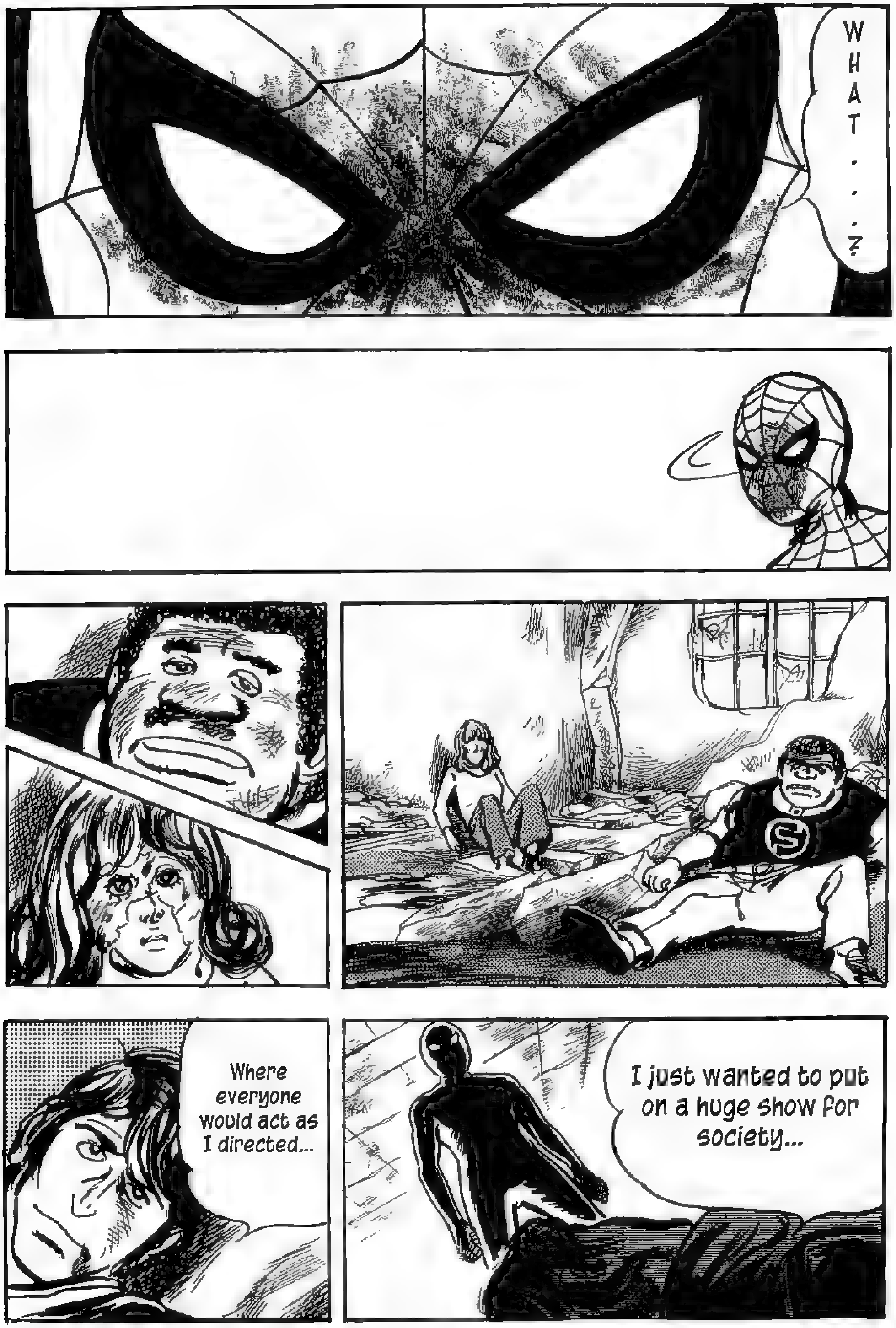
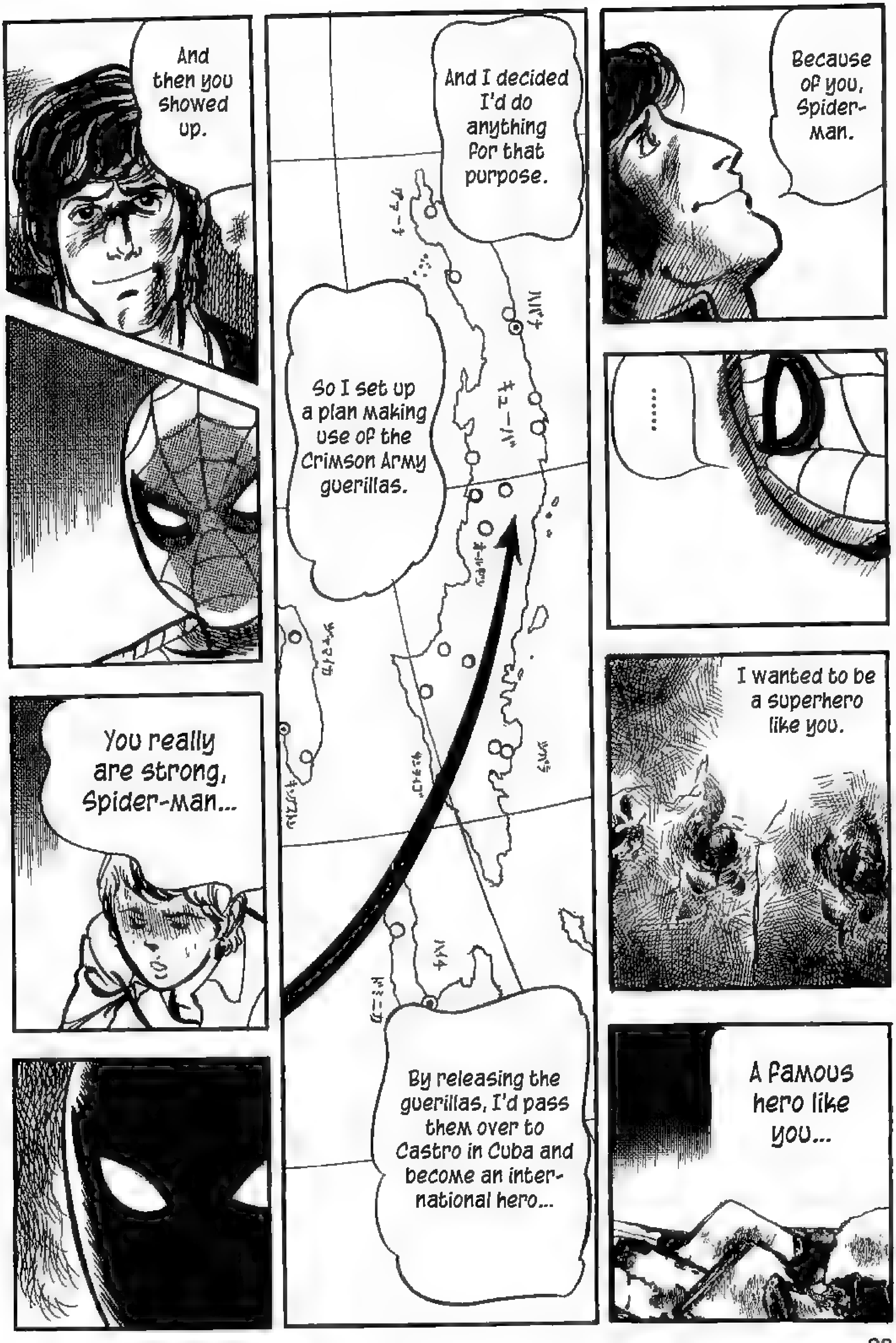
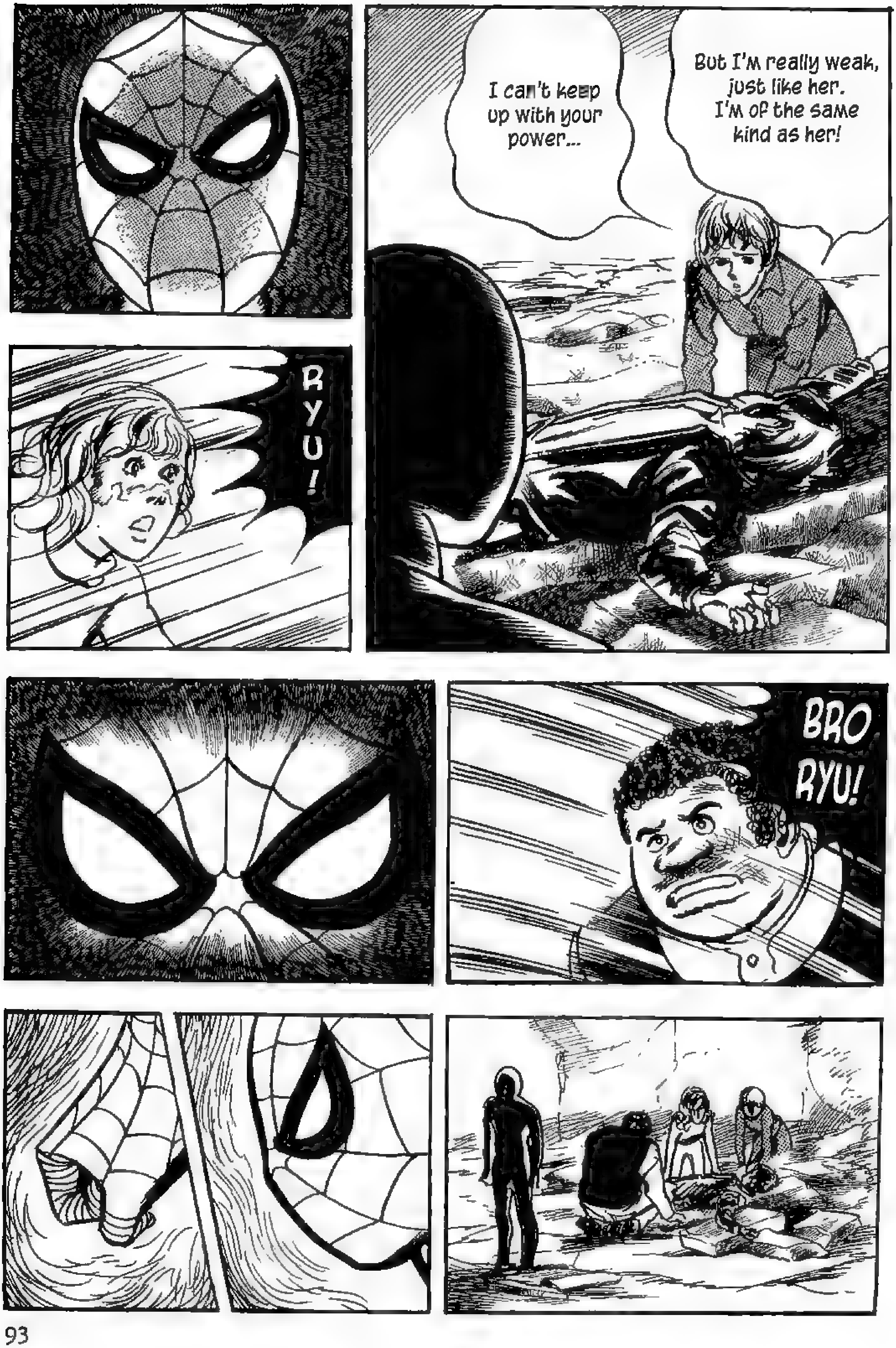
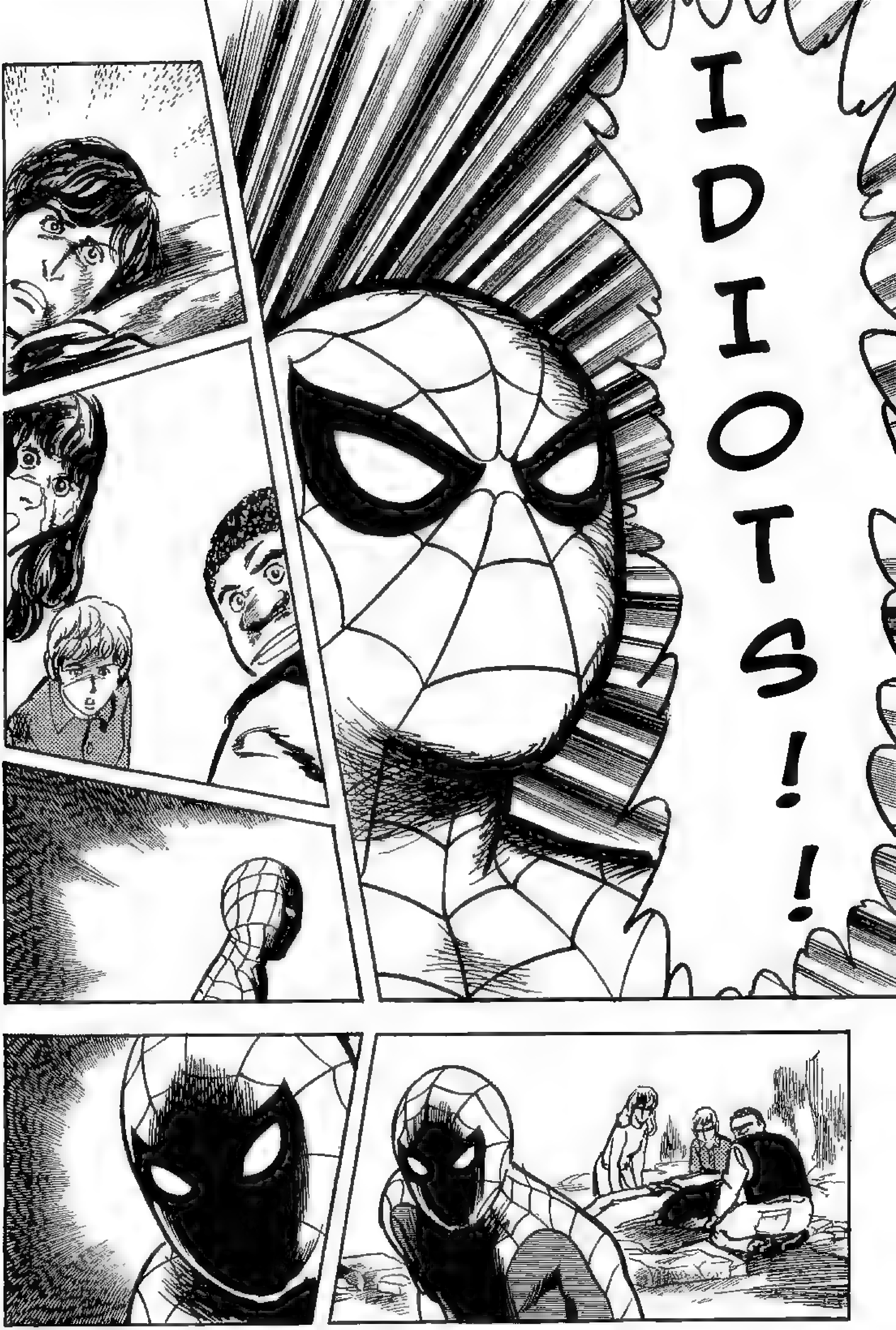
ゴホッ
To think that it would come to this...
I actually don't have anything to do with the Crimson Army.


WHAT . . . ?
I just wanted to put on a huge show for society...
Where everyone would act as I directed...

The Media, the police, and the Masses would Move on My signal...
It would be a draMa produced by Me! I aM the eye of the typhoon! I aM both playwright and actor! But instead of pen and paper, I create social phenoMena!
粉砕!!
I wanted to crush the boring order that dominates the current systems of authority and cause some excitement...
Why would you do this...?
Why?


Because of you, Spider-Man.
......
I wanted to be a superhero like you.
A famous hero like you...
And I decided I'd do anything for that purpose.
So I set up a plan making use of the Crimson Army guerillas.
By releasing the guerillas, I'd pass them over to Castro in Cuba and become an international hero...
And then you showed up.
You really are strong, Spider-Man...


I can't keep up with your power...
But I'm really weak, just like her. I'm of the same kind as her!
RYU!
BRO RYU!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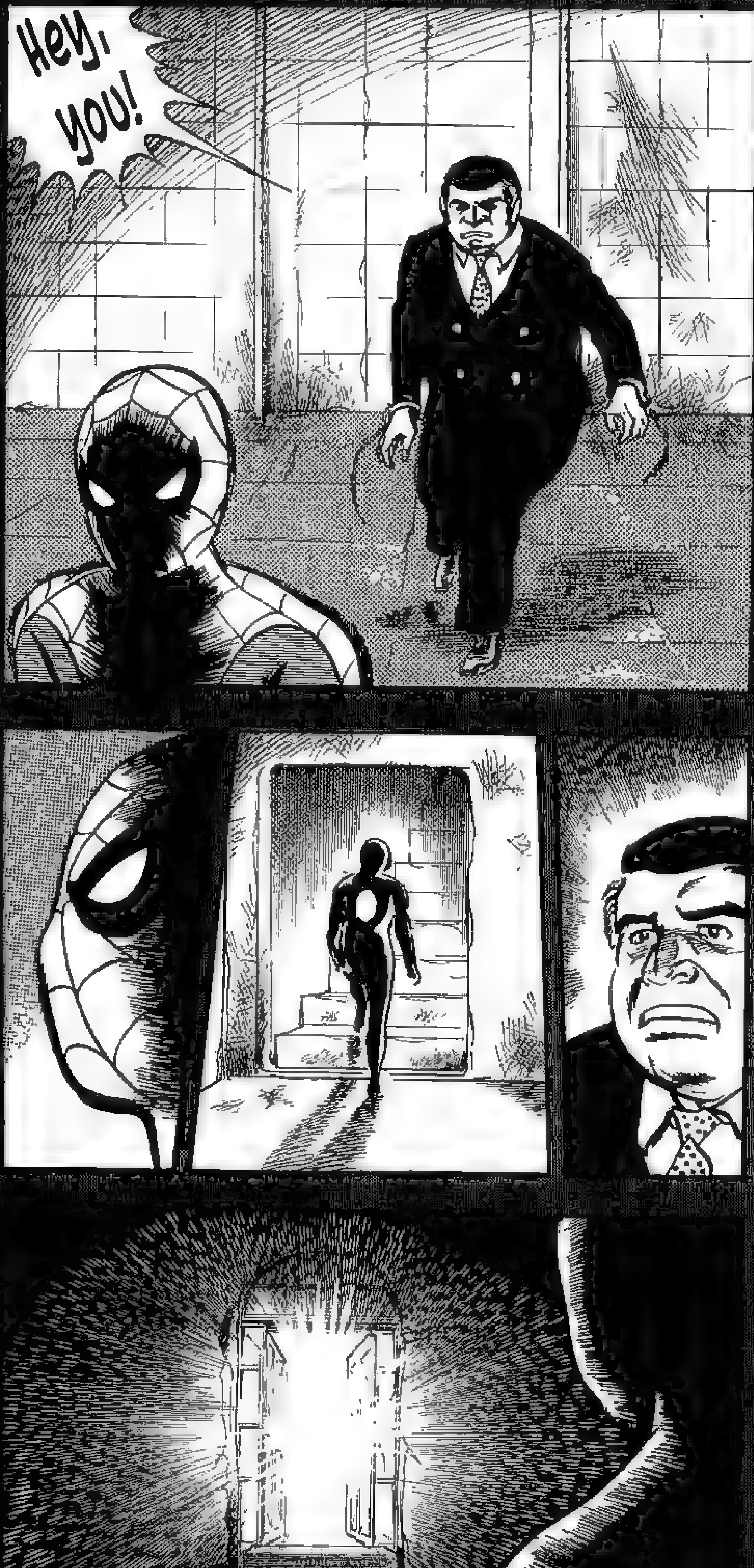
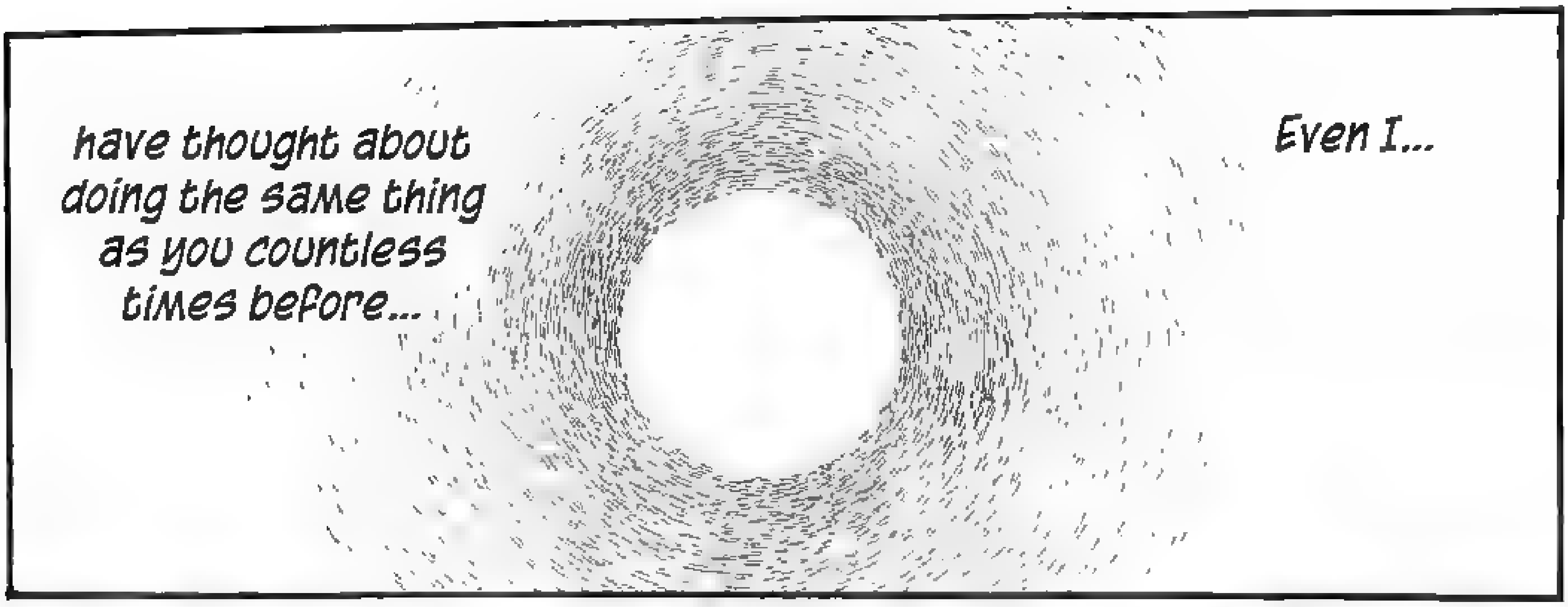
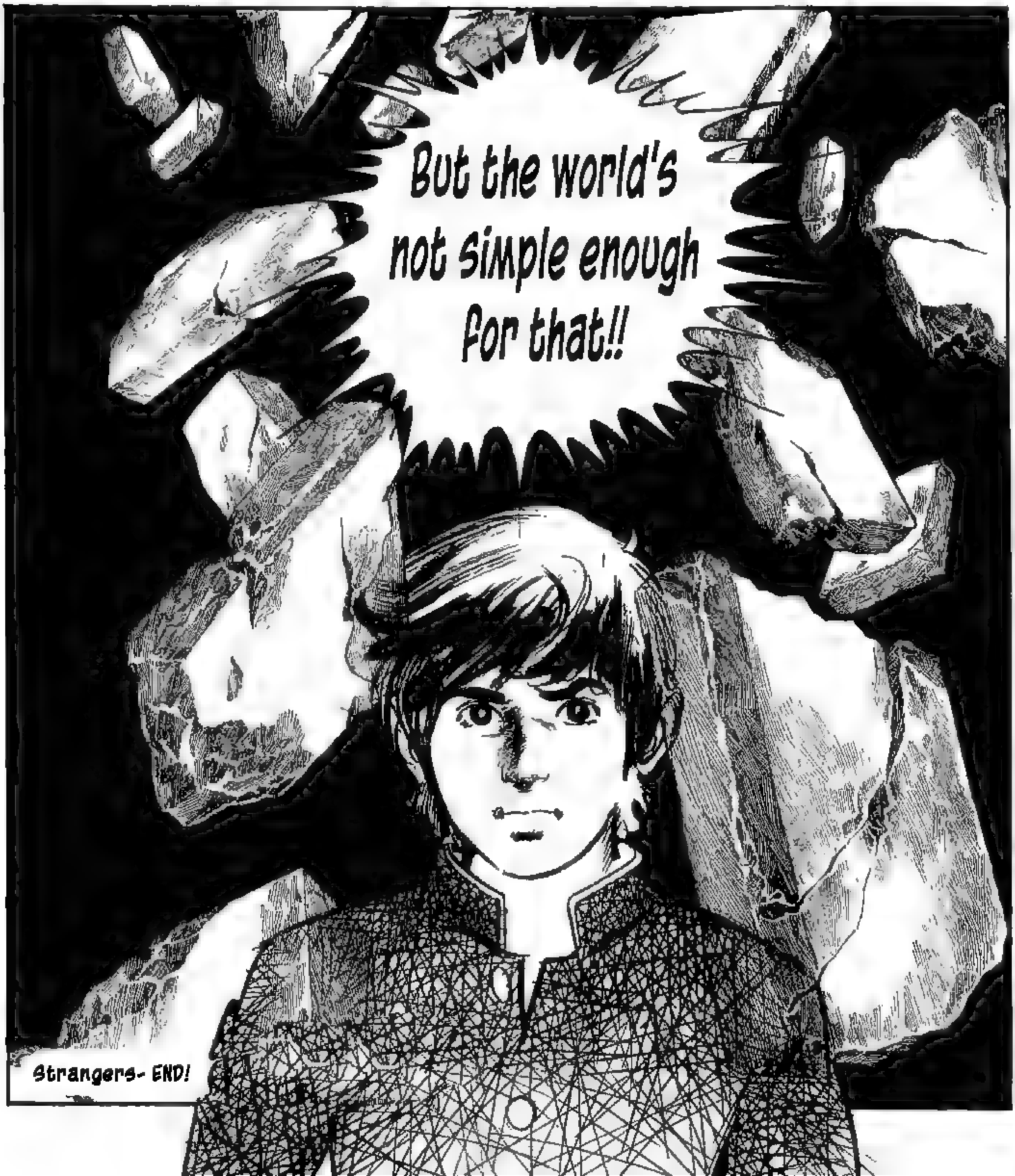
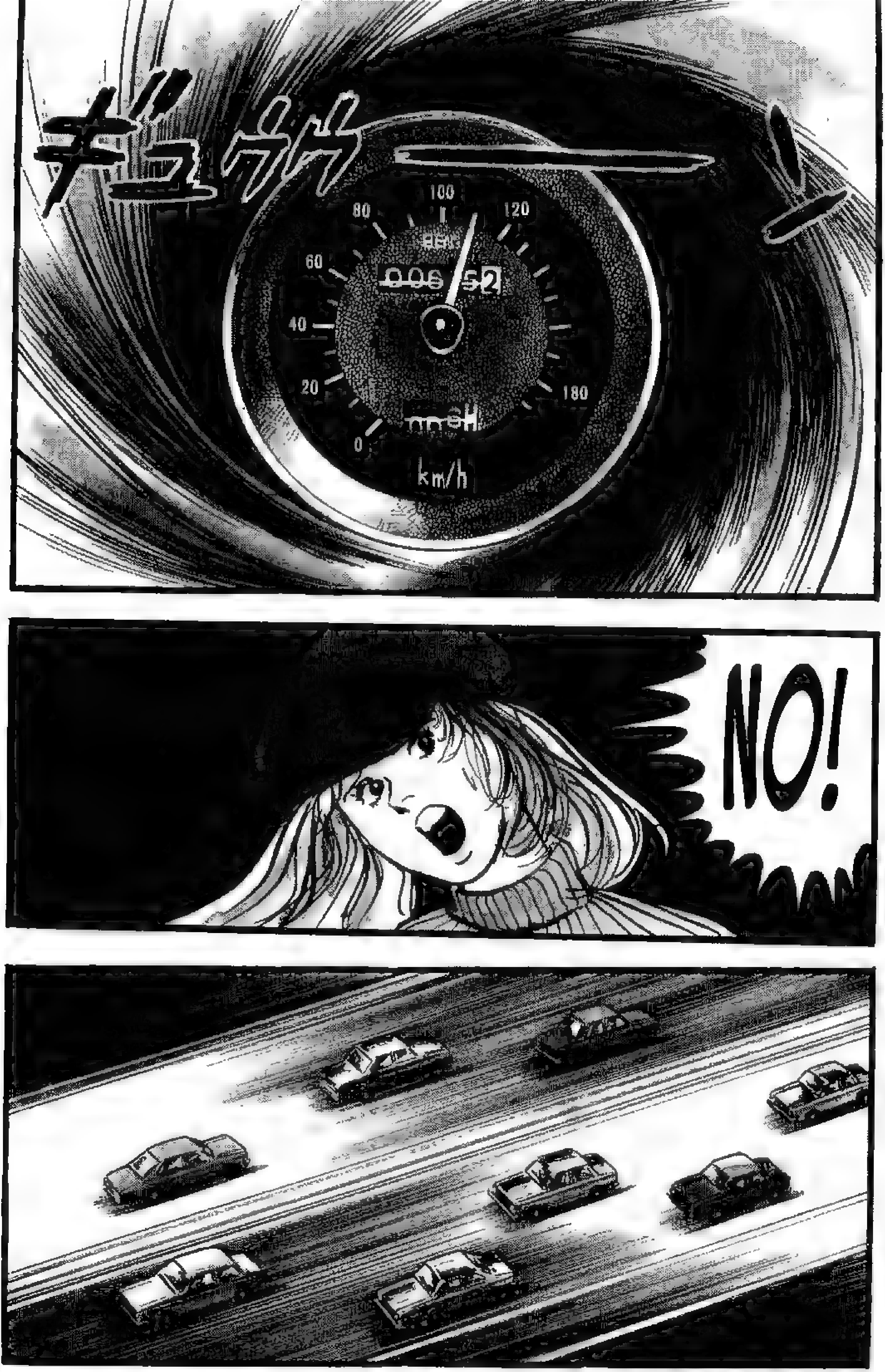

Hey, you!


Even I...
have thought about doing the same thing as you countless times before...


But the world's not simple enough for that!!
Strangers- END!

Chapter 11: The Mad Demon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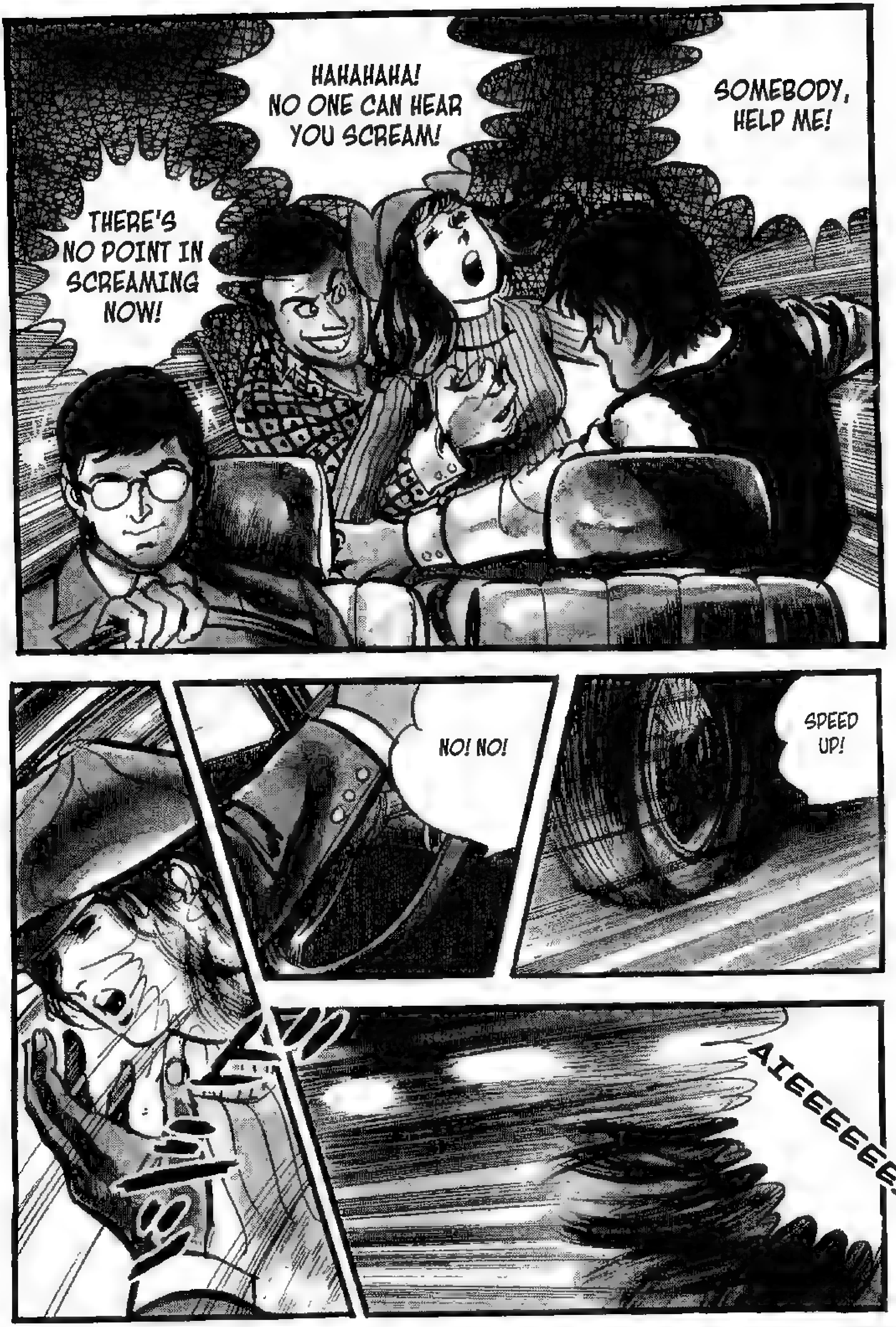
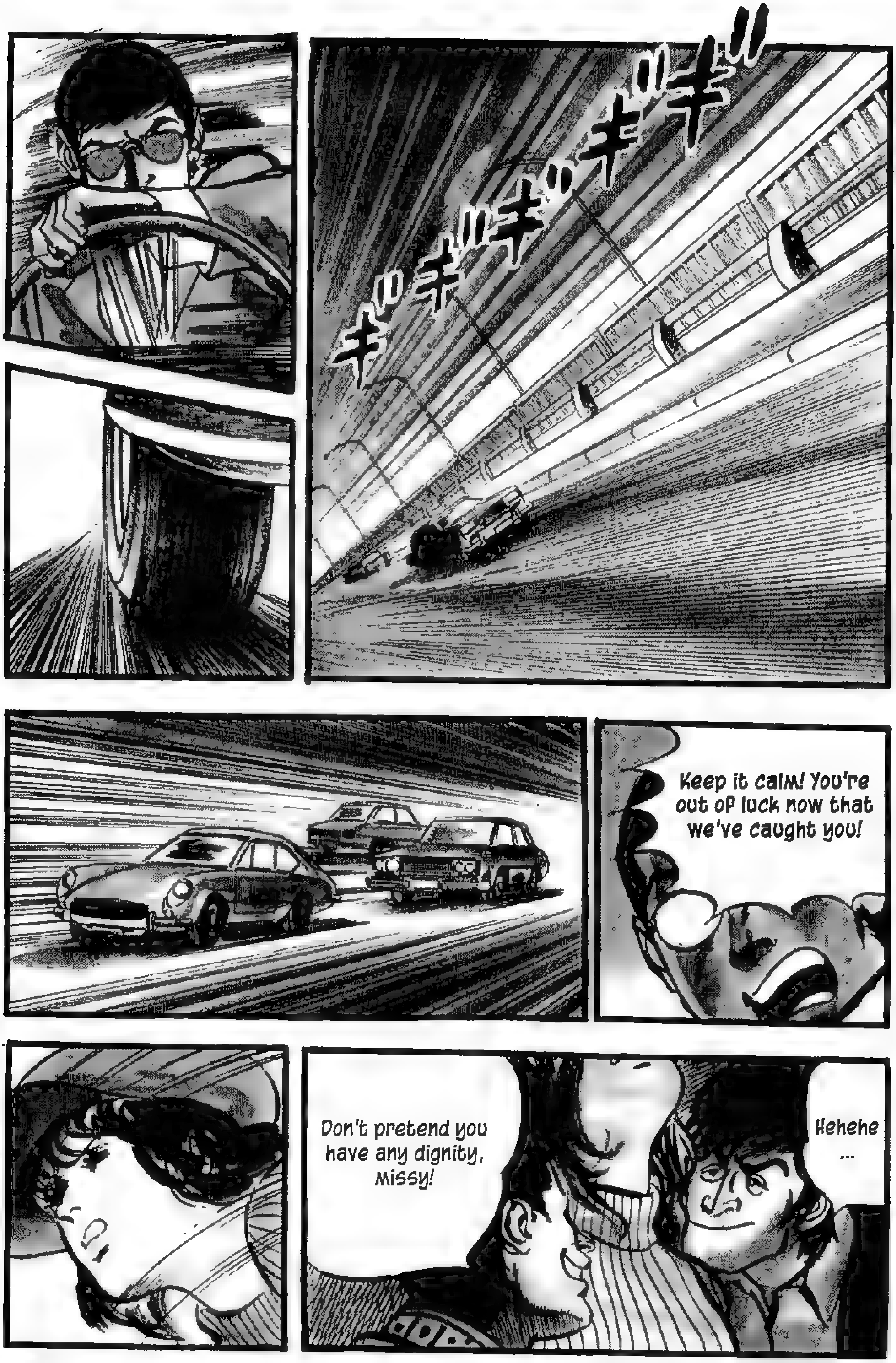
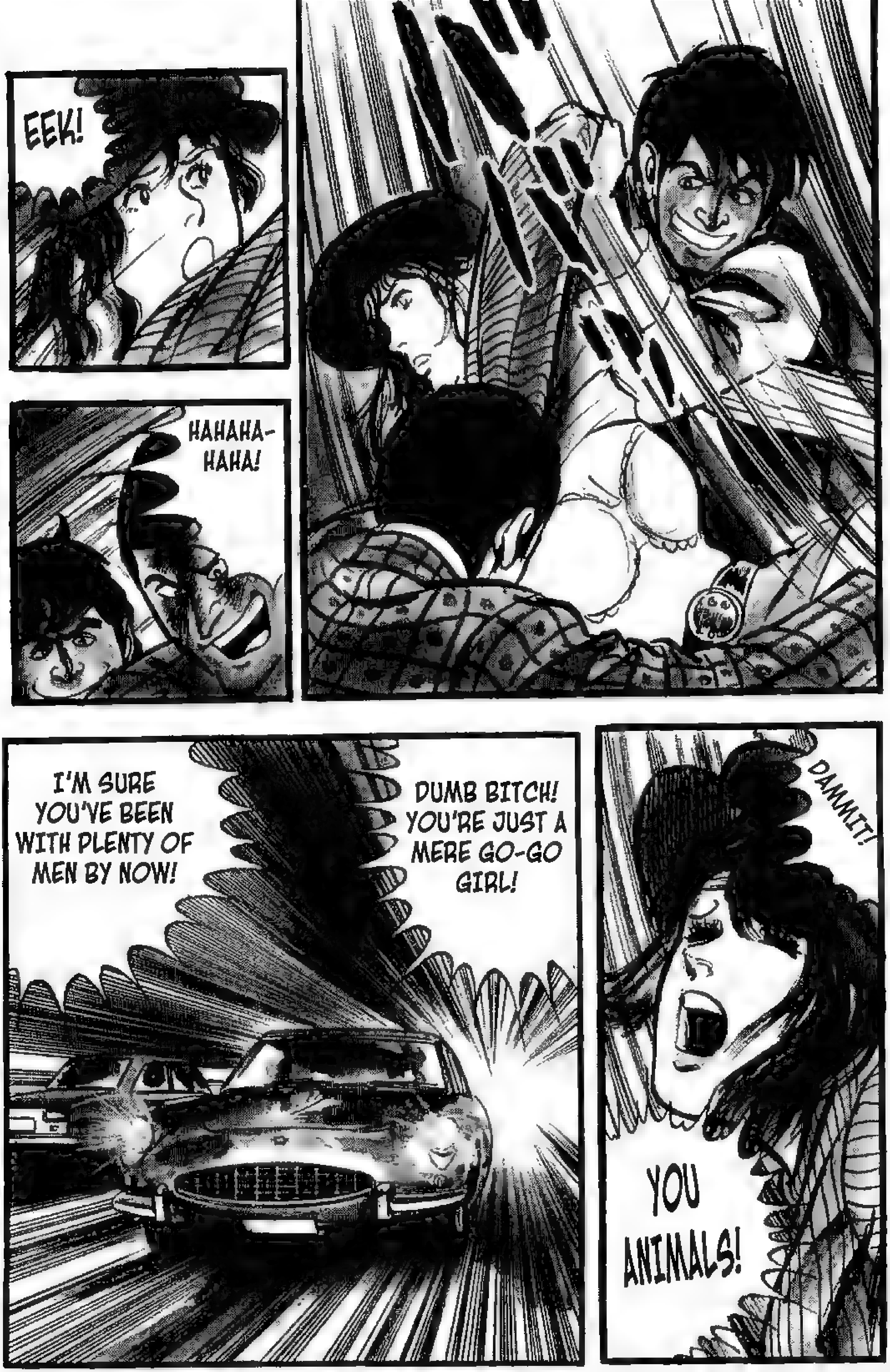
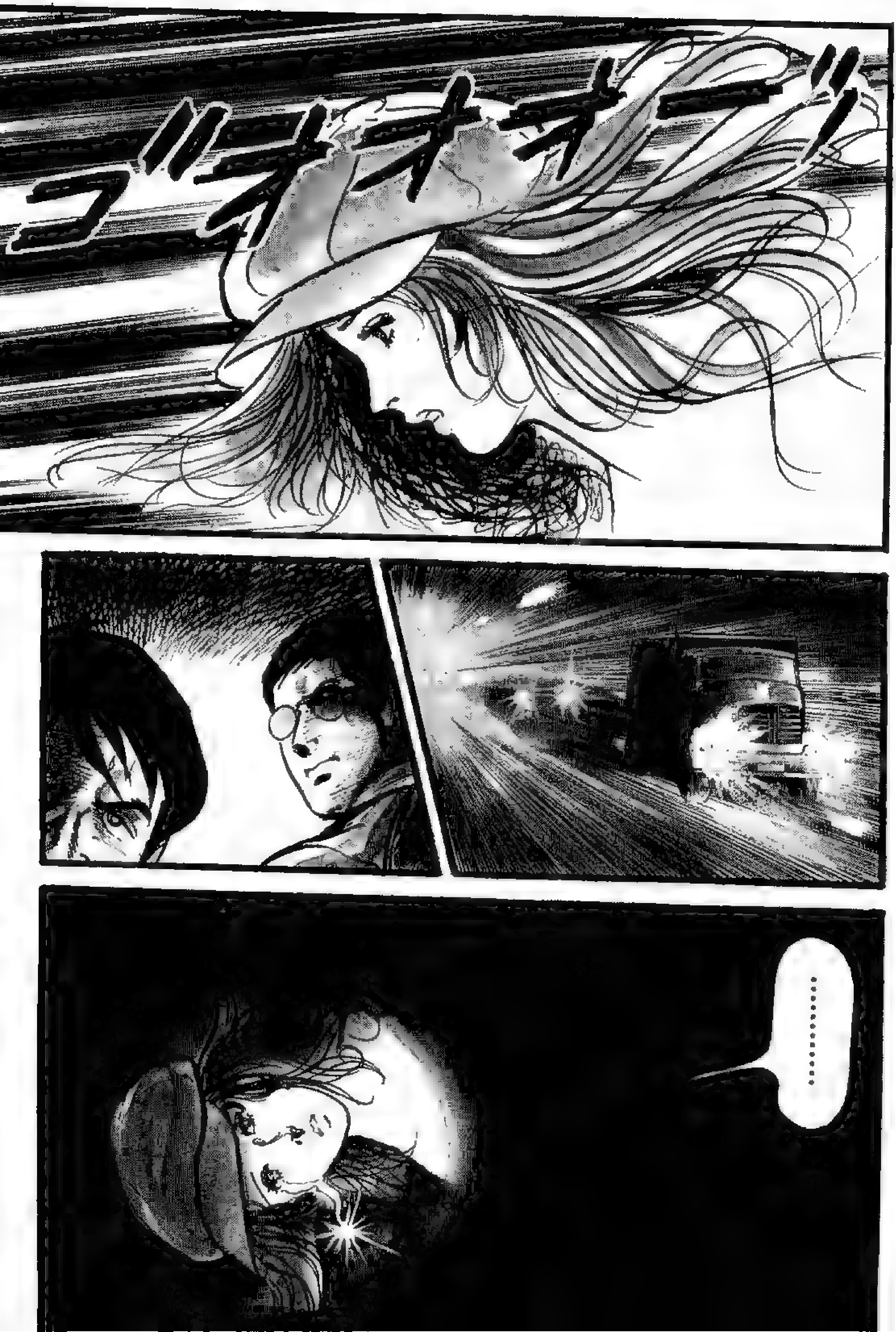

SOMEBODY, HELP ME!
HAHAHAHA! NO ONE CAN HEAR YOU SCREAM!
THERE'S NO POINT IN SCREAMING NOW!
SPEED UP!
NO! NO!
AIEEEEEEE!


ギッギッギッギッギッギッ
Keep it calm! You're out of luck now that we've caught you!
Hehehe ...
Don't pretend you have any dignity, Missy!


EEK!
HAHAHA-HAHA!
DAMMIT!
YOU ANIMALS!
DUMB BITCH! YOU'RE JUST A MERE GO-GO GIRL!
I'M SURE YOU'VE BEEN WITH PLENTY OF MEN BY NOW!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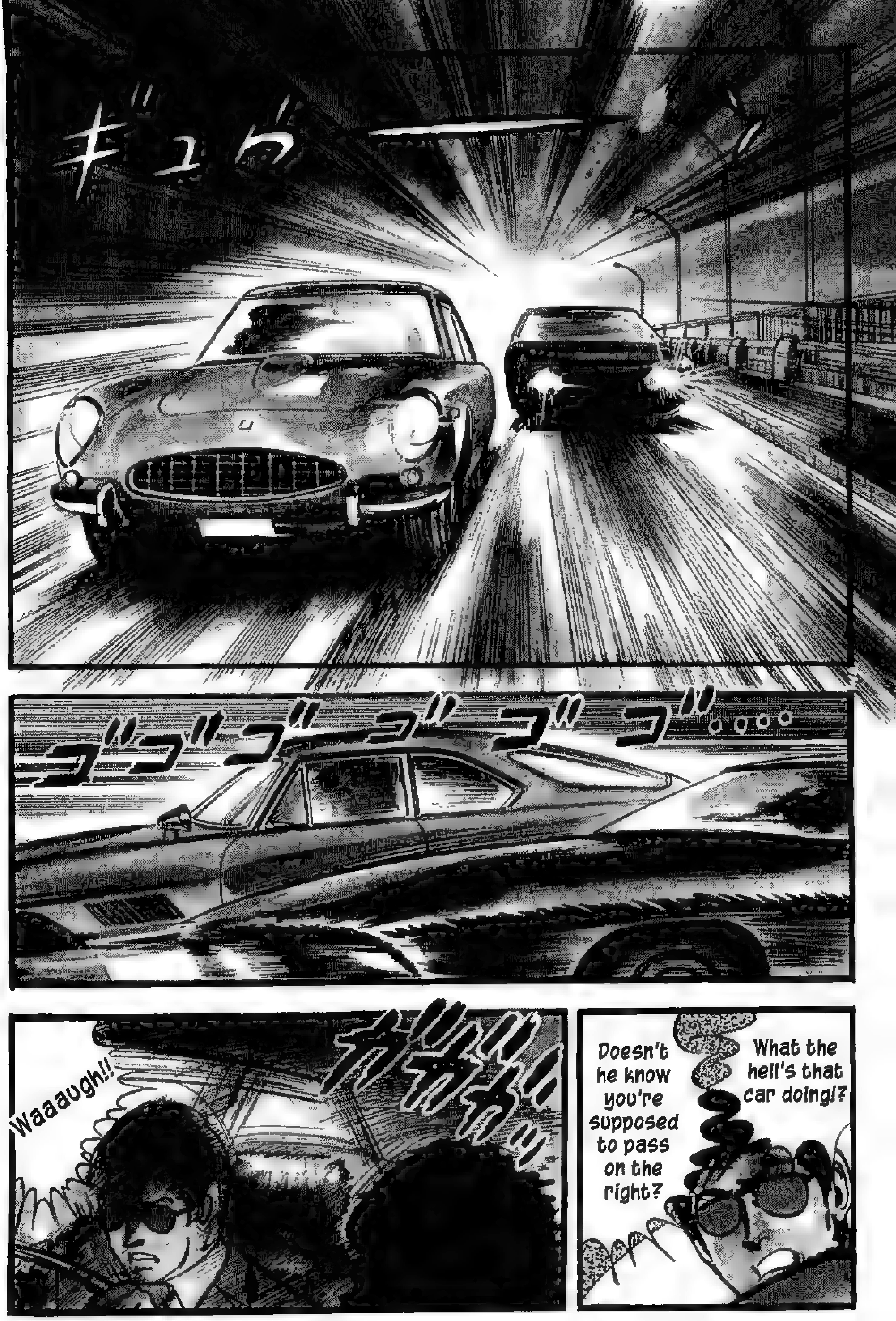
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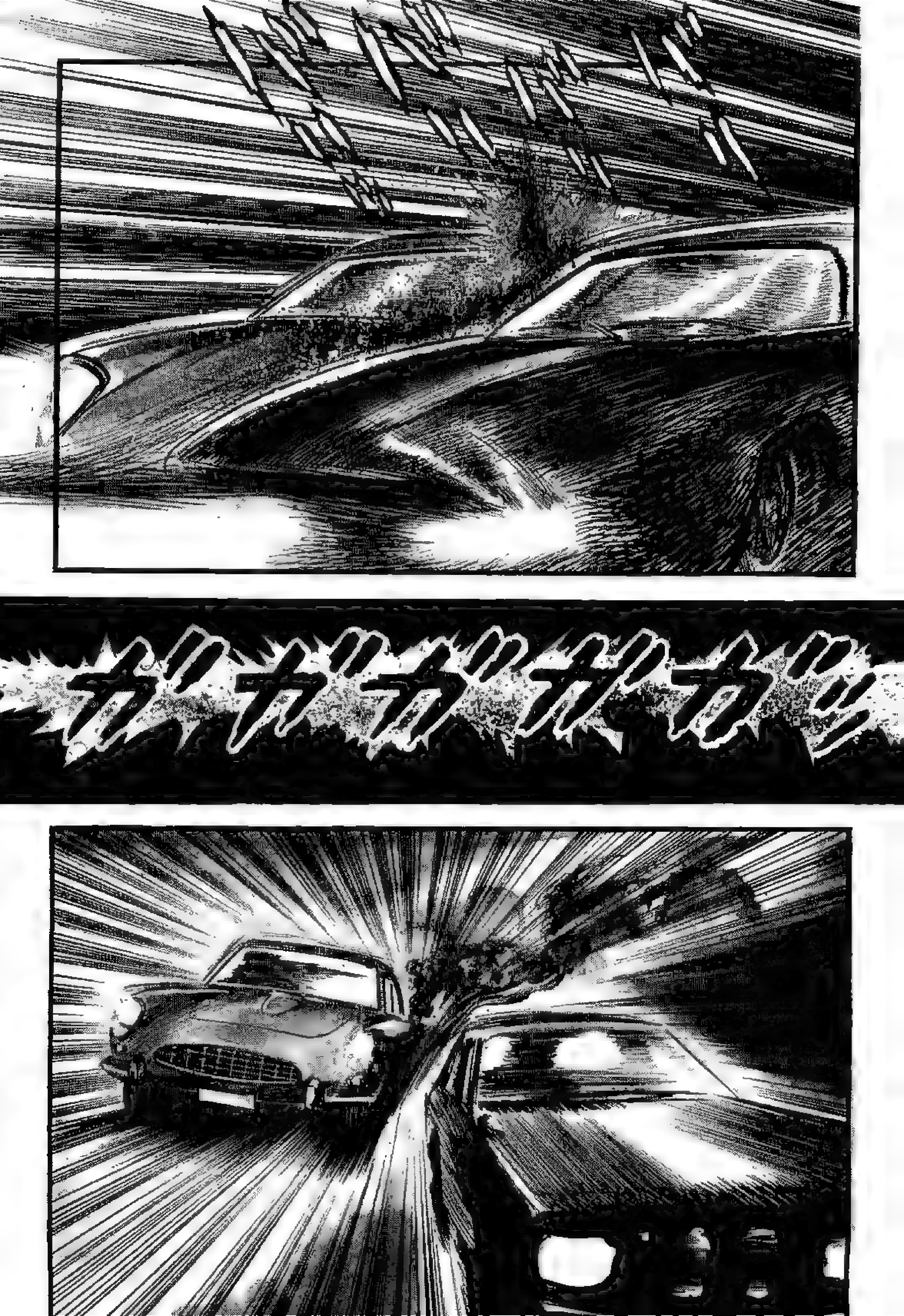
What the hell's that car doing!?
Doesn't he know you're supposed to pass on the right?
Waaaugh!!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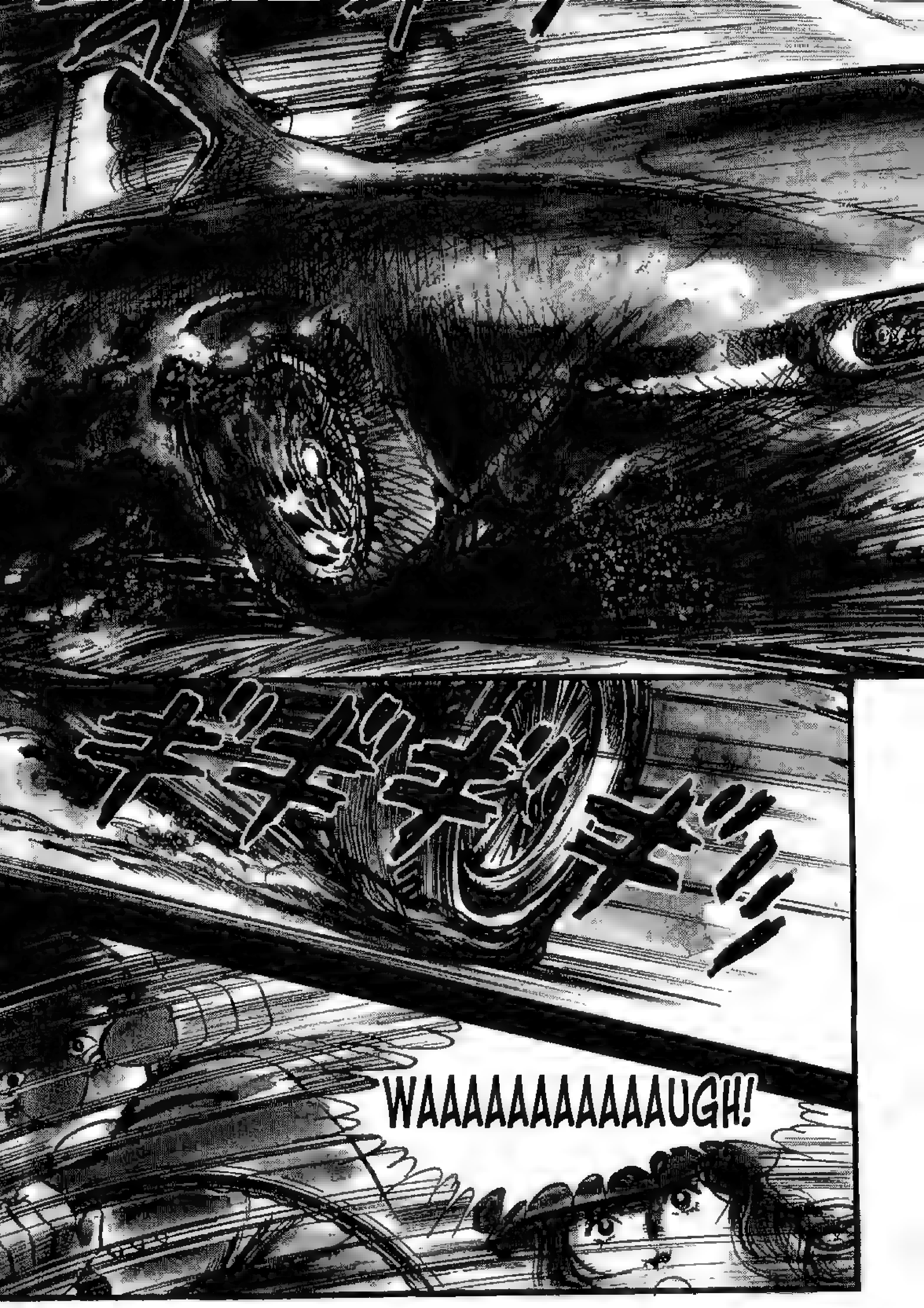
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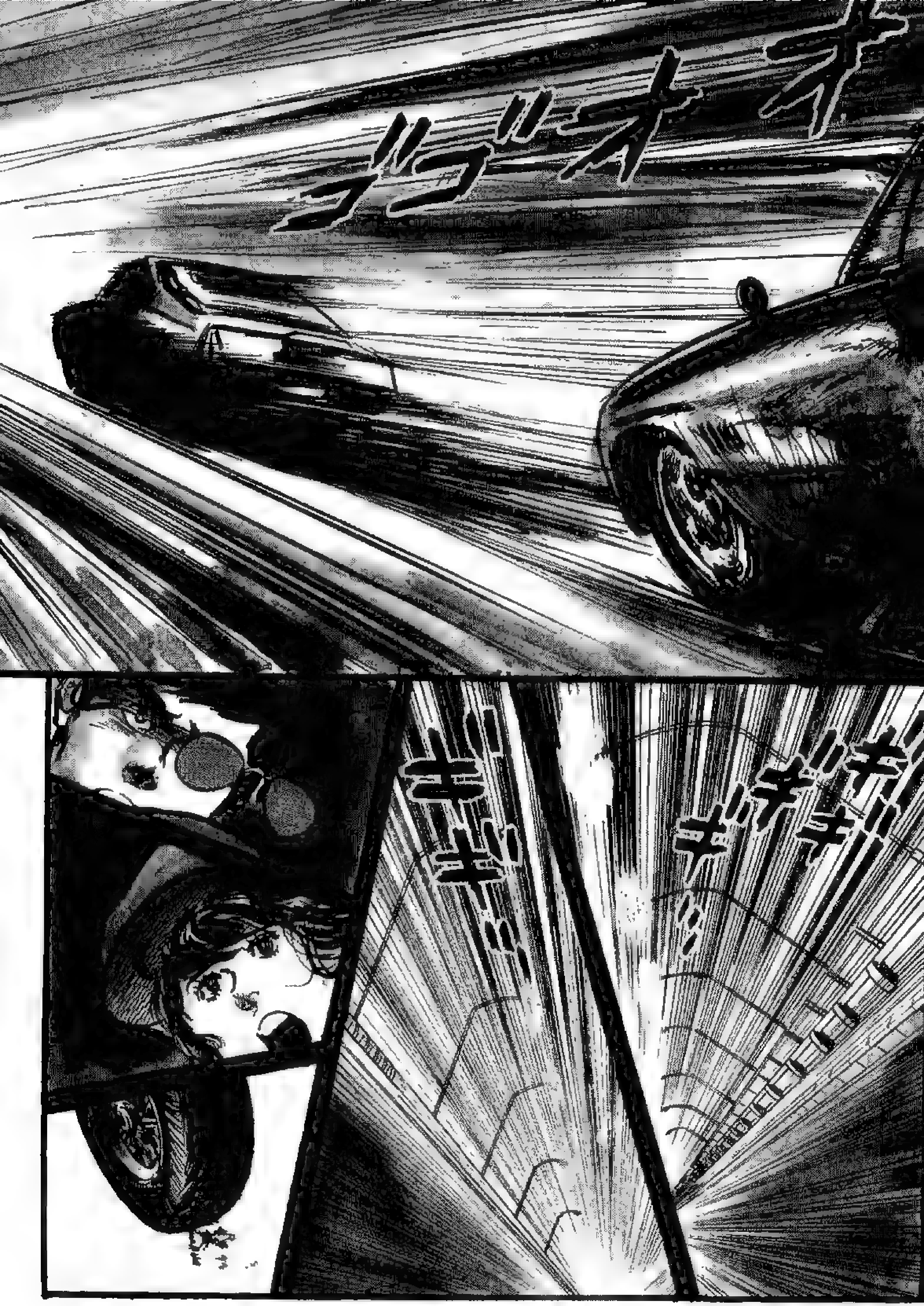
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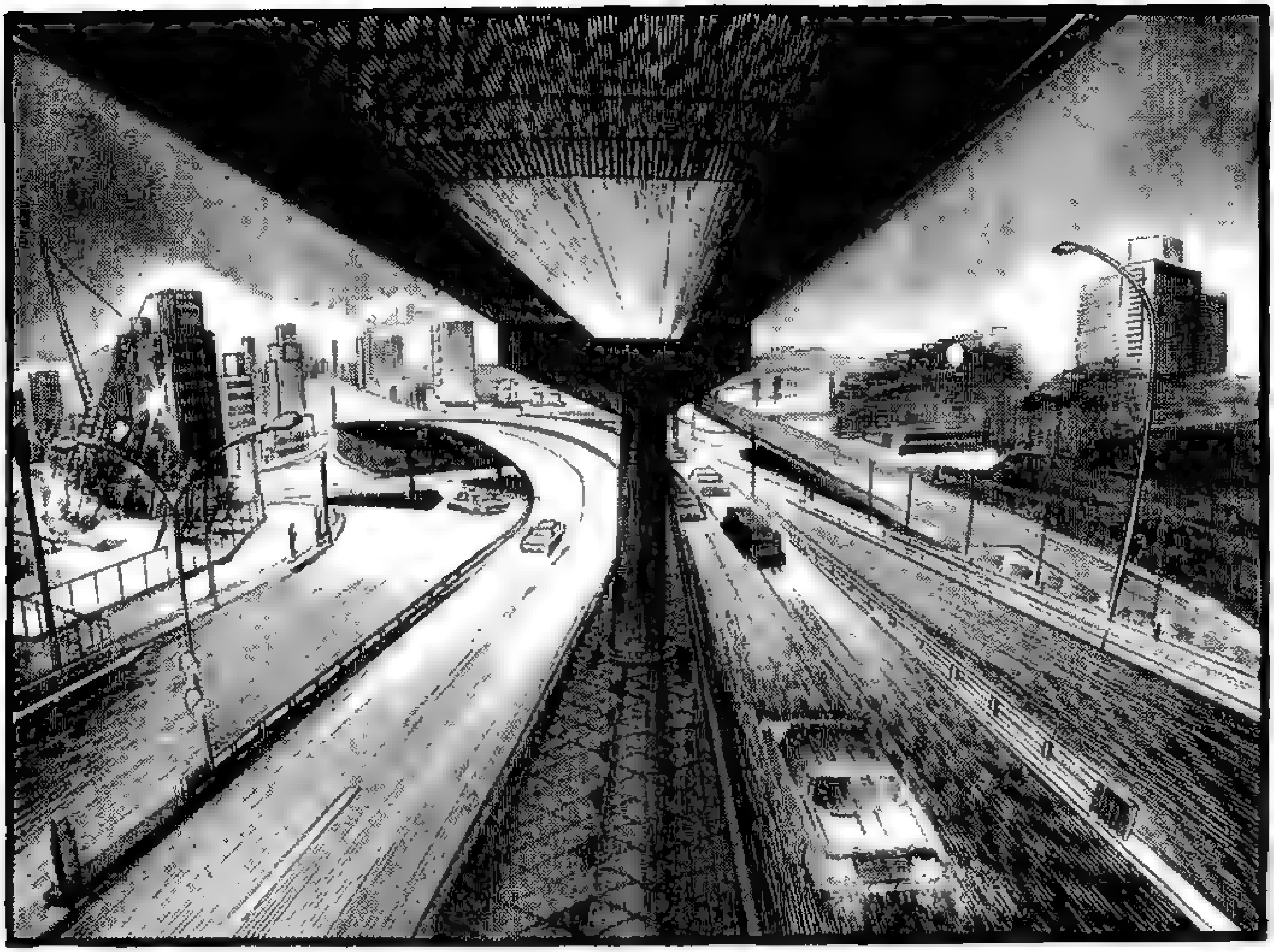

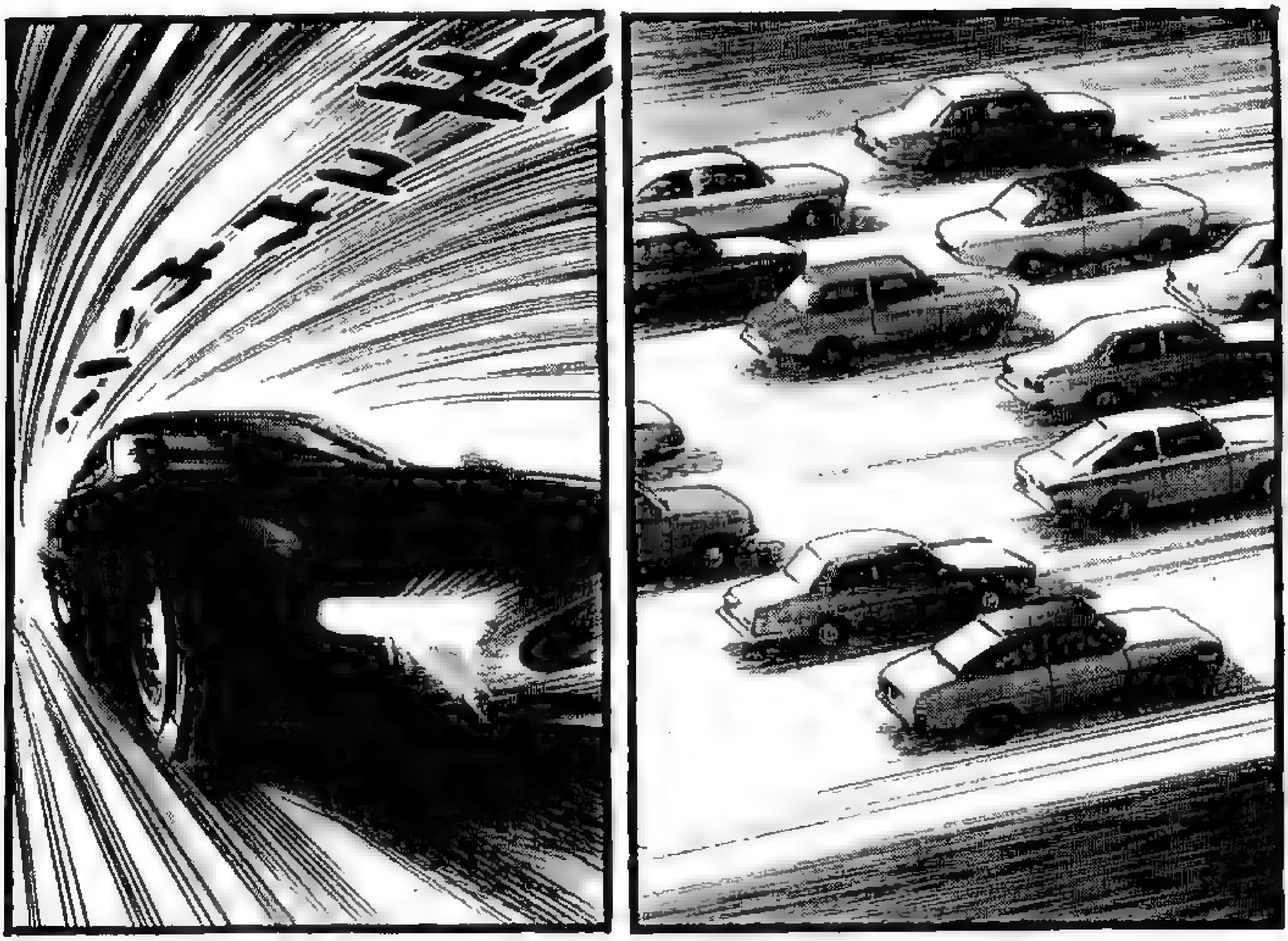
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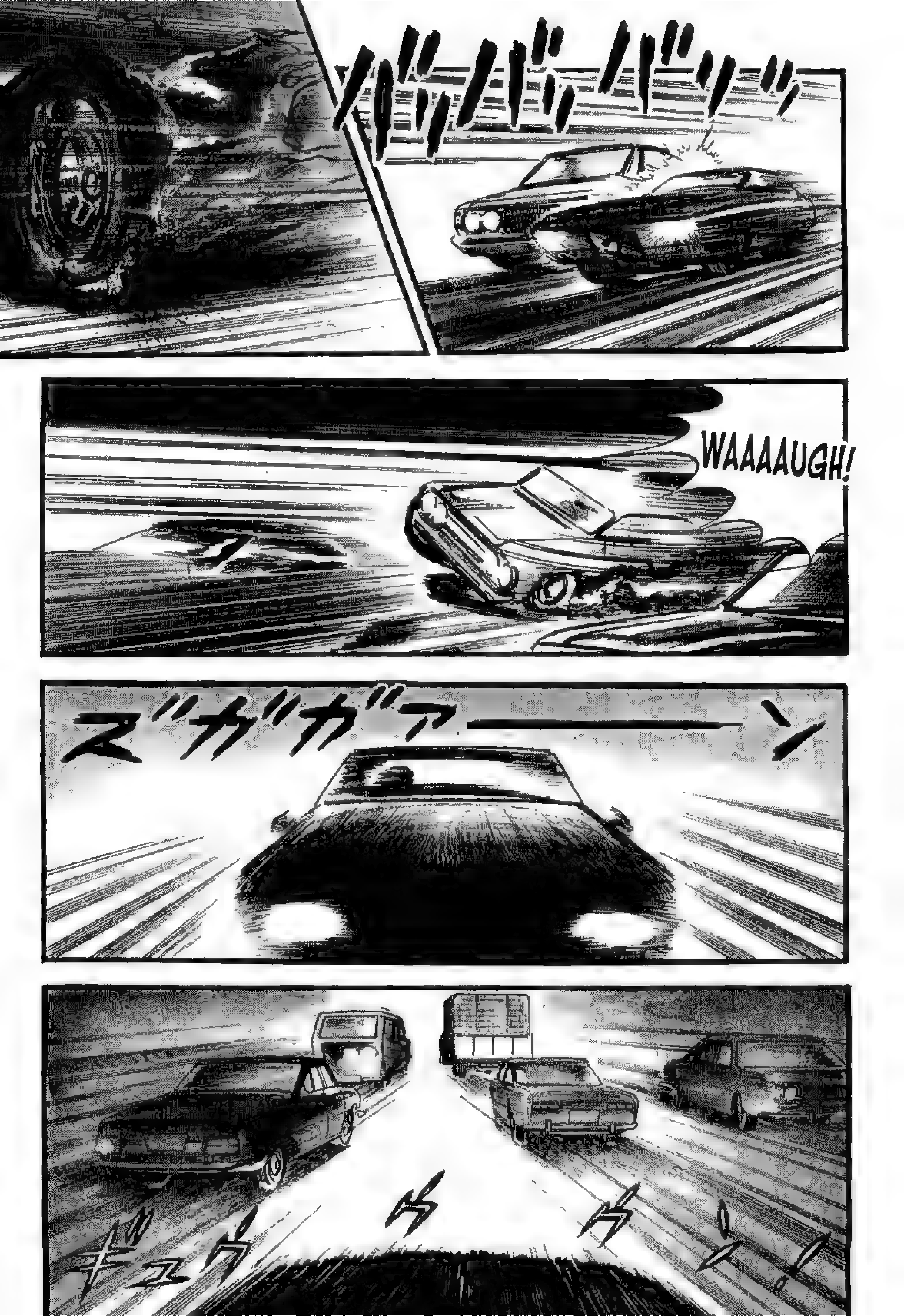
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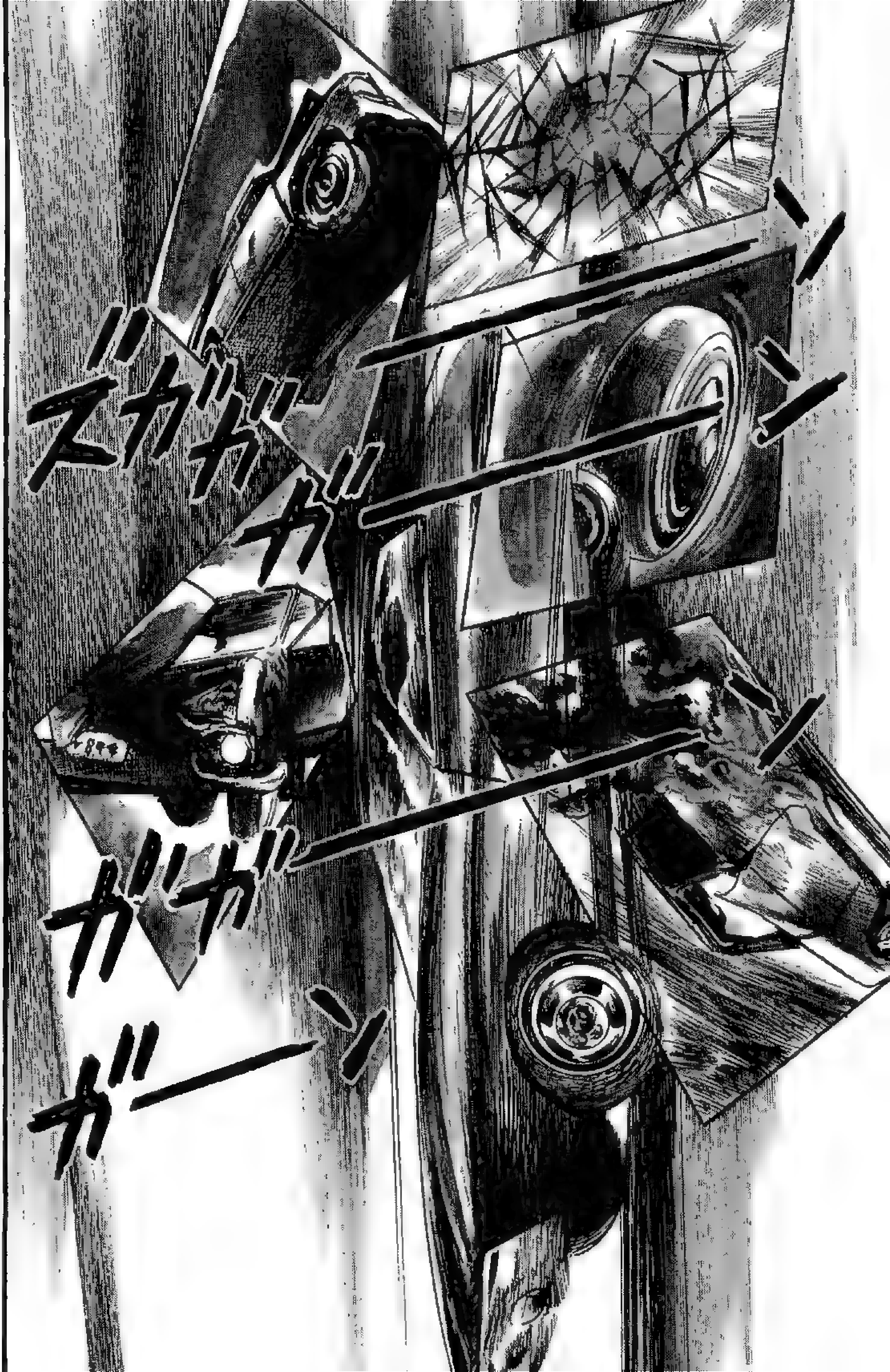
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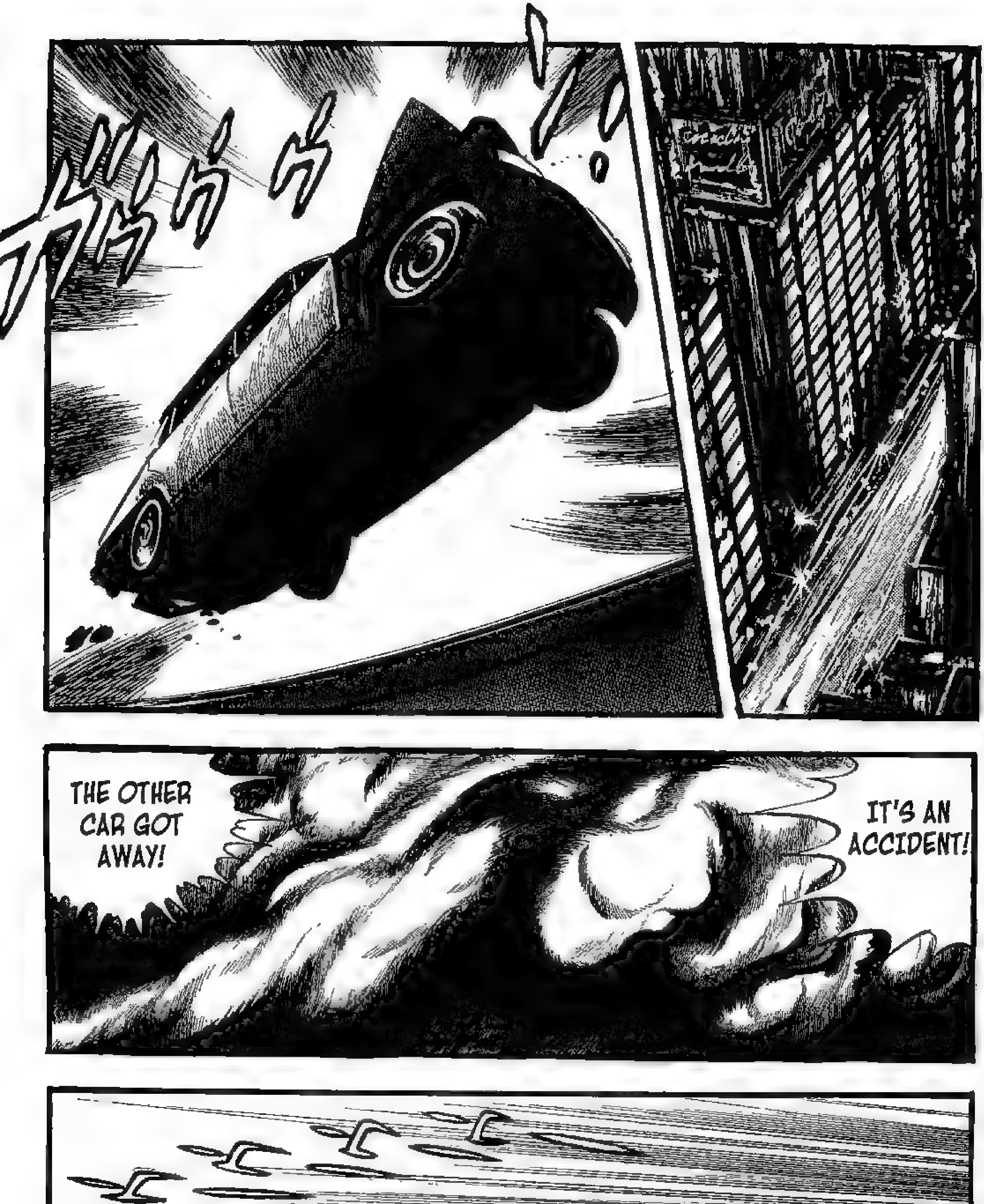
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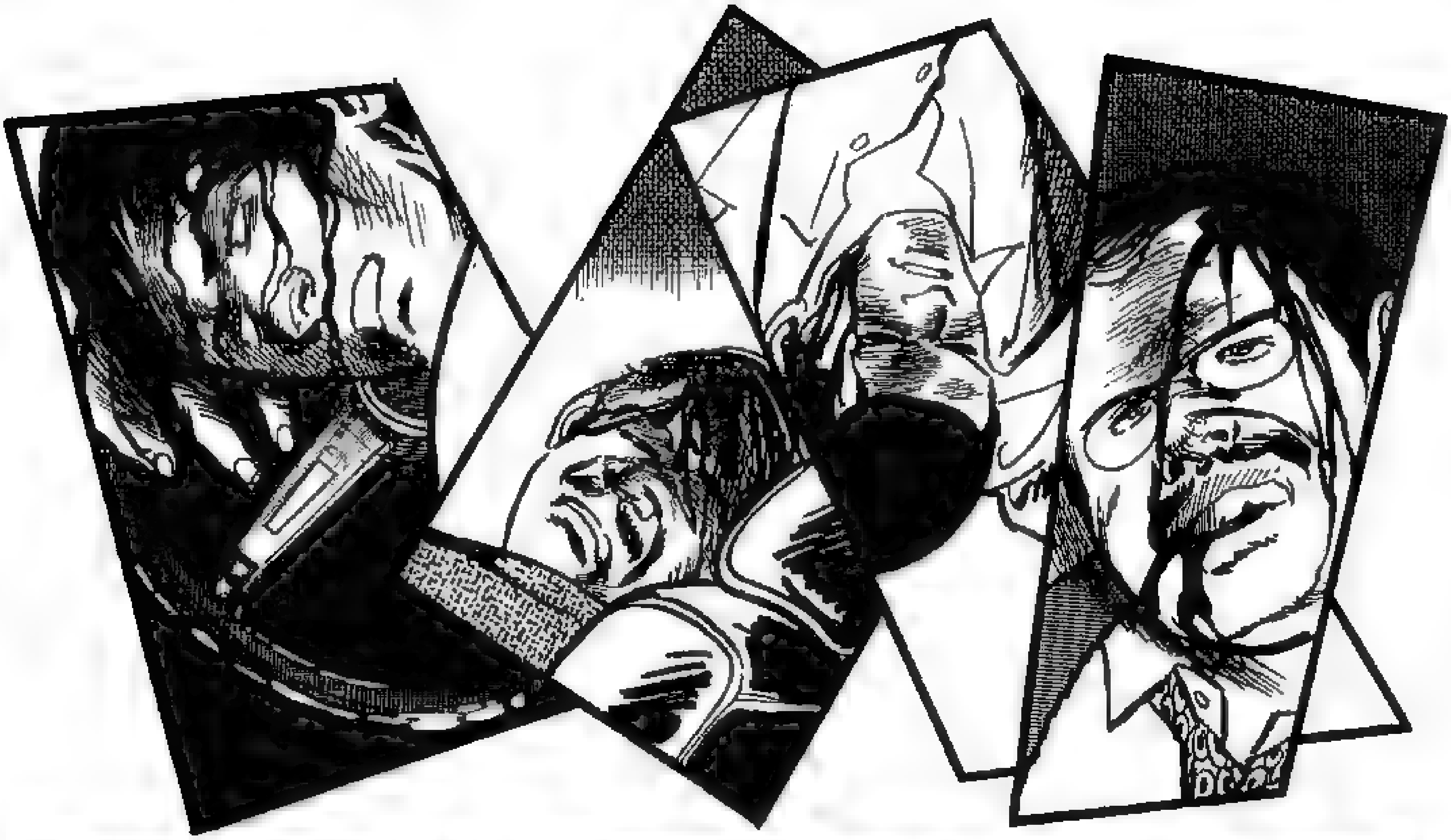
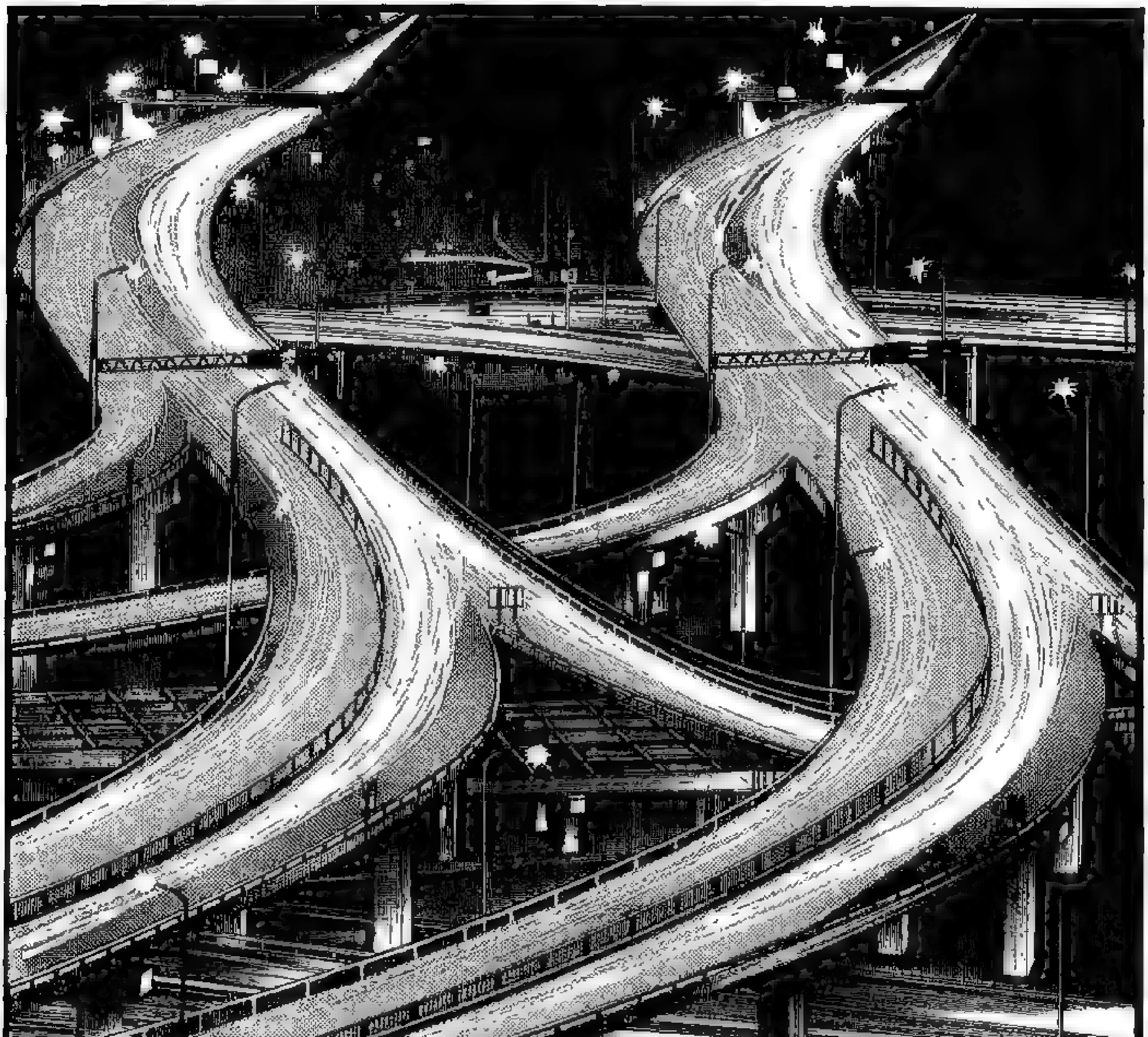
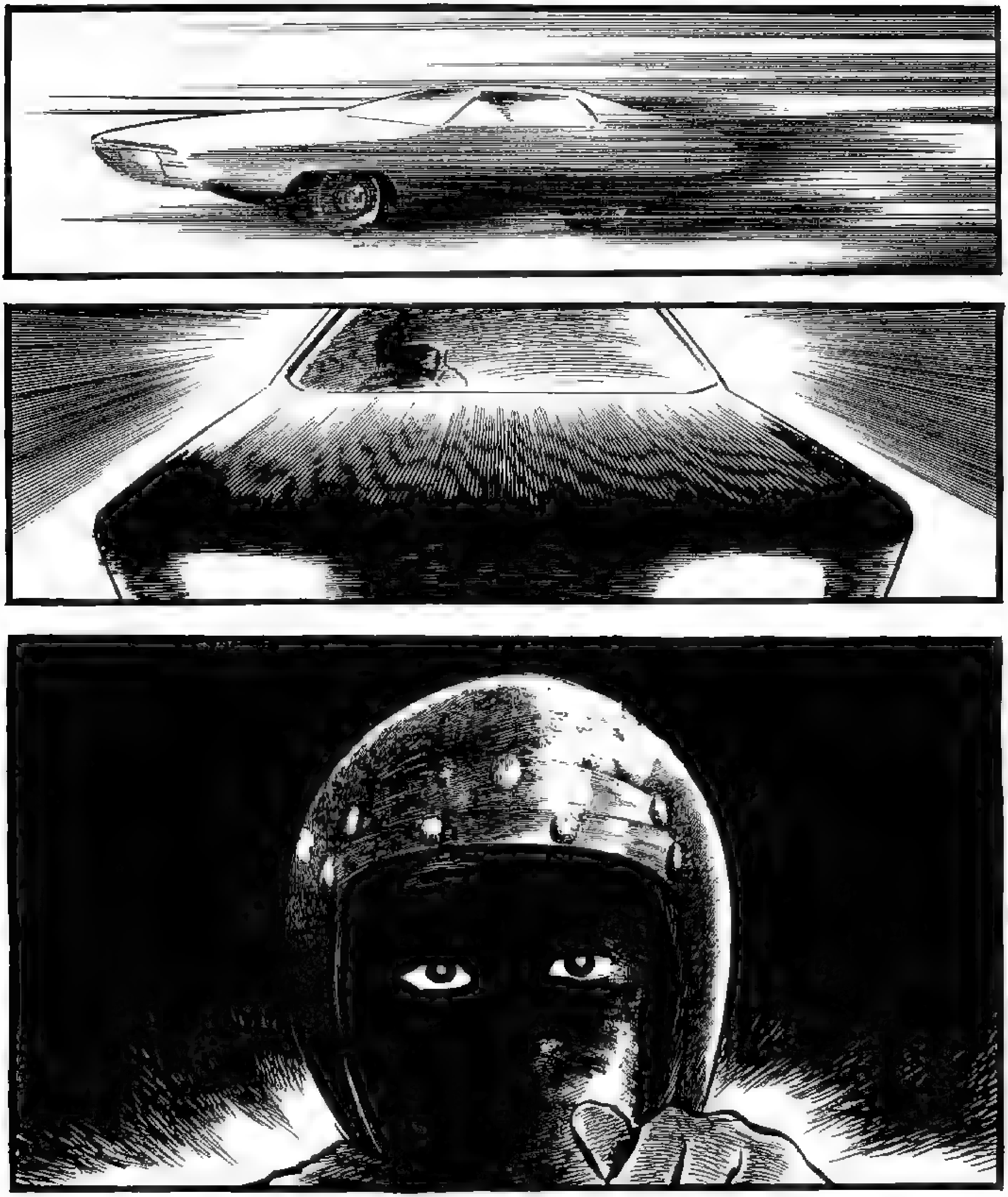
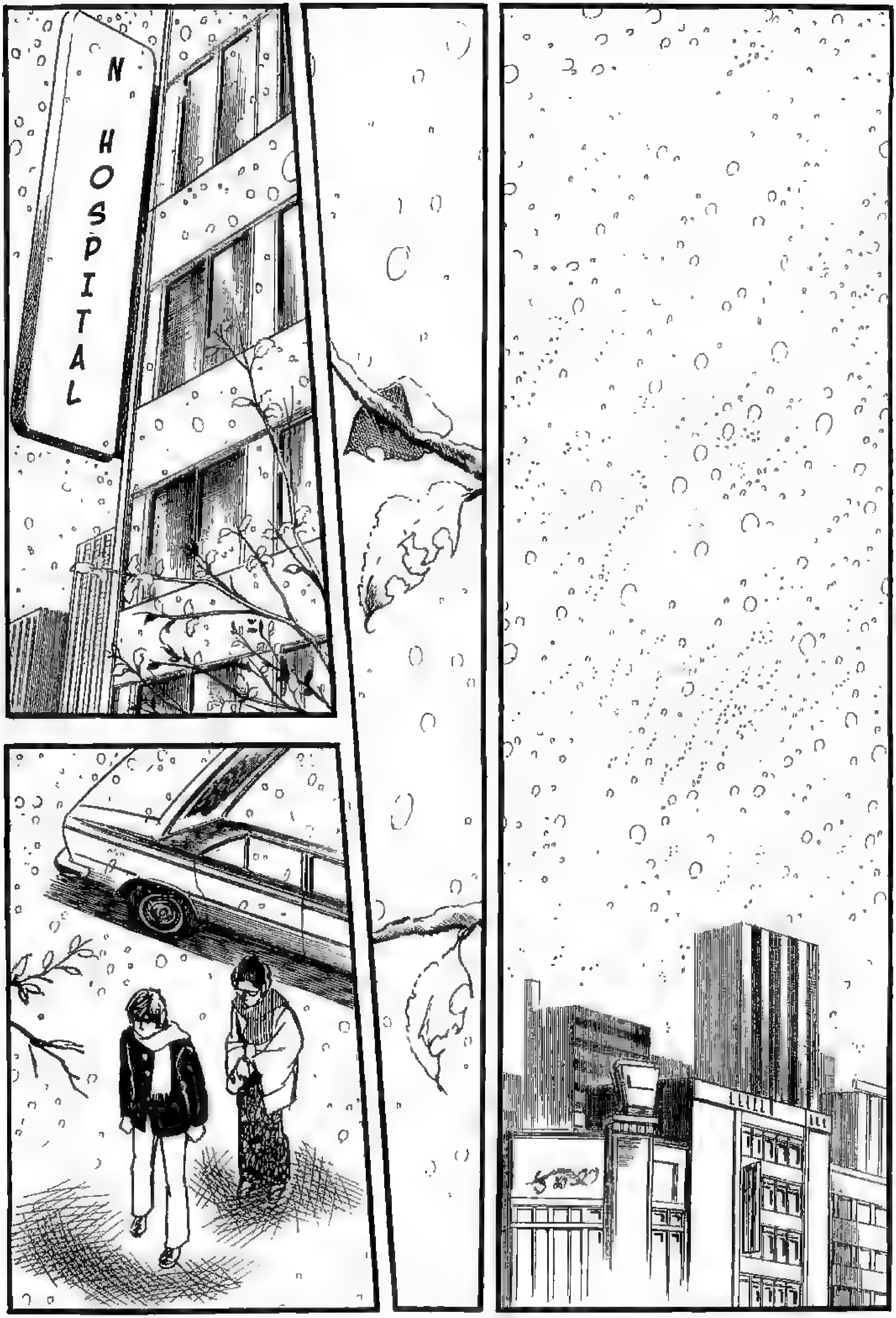
THE OTHER CAR GOT AWAY!
IT'S AN ACCIDENT!





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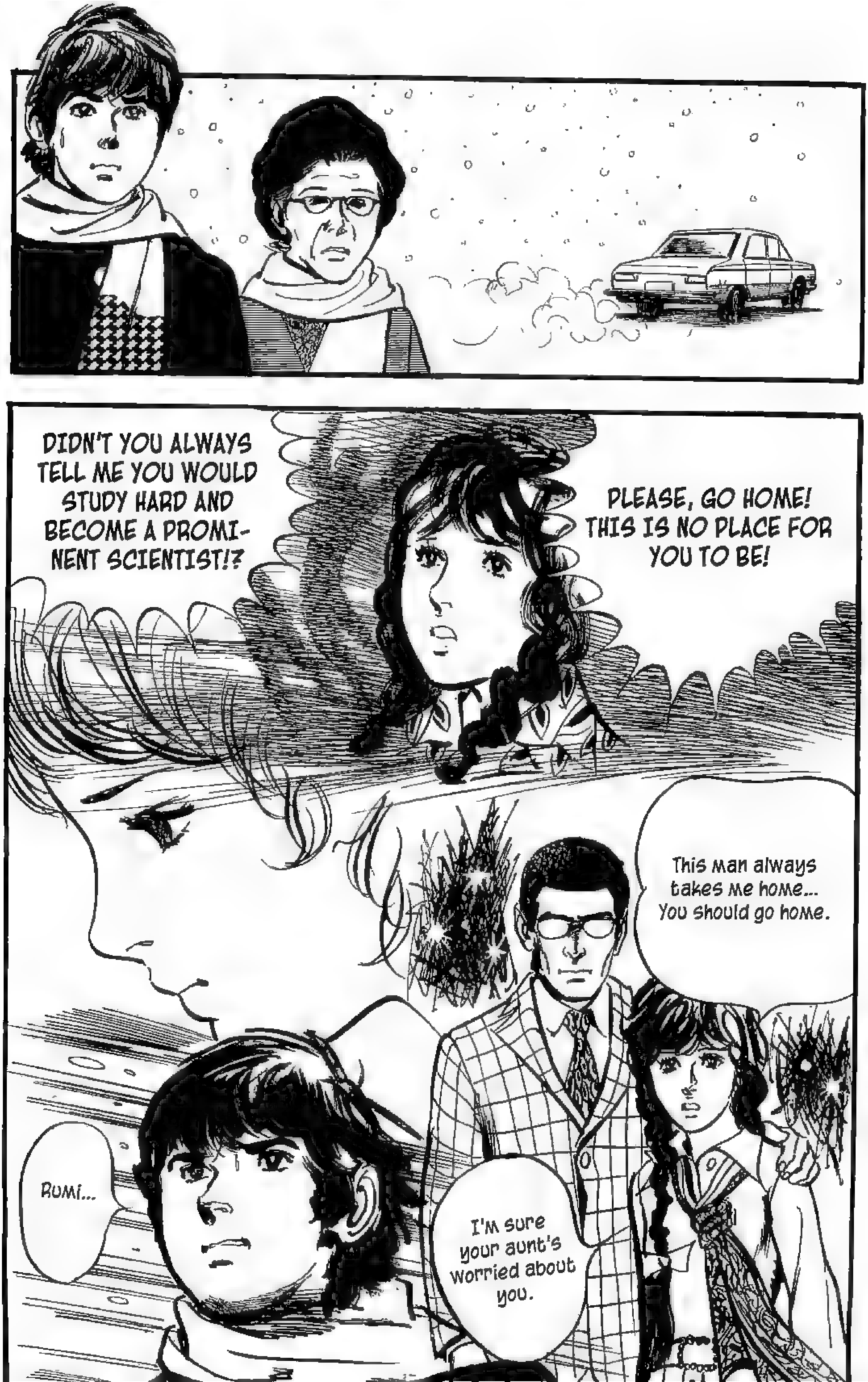
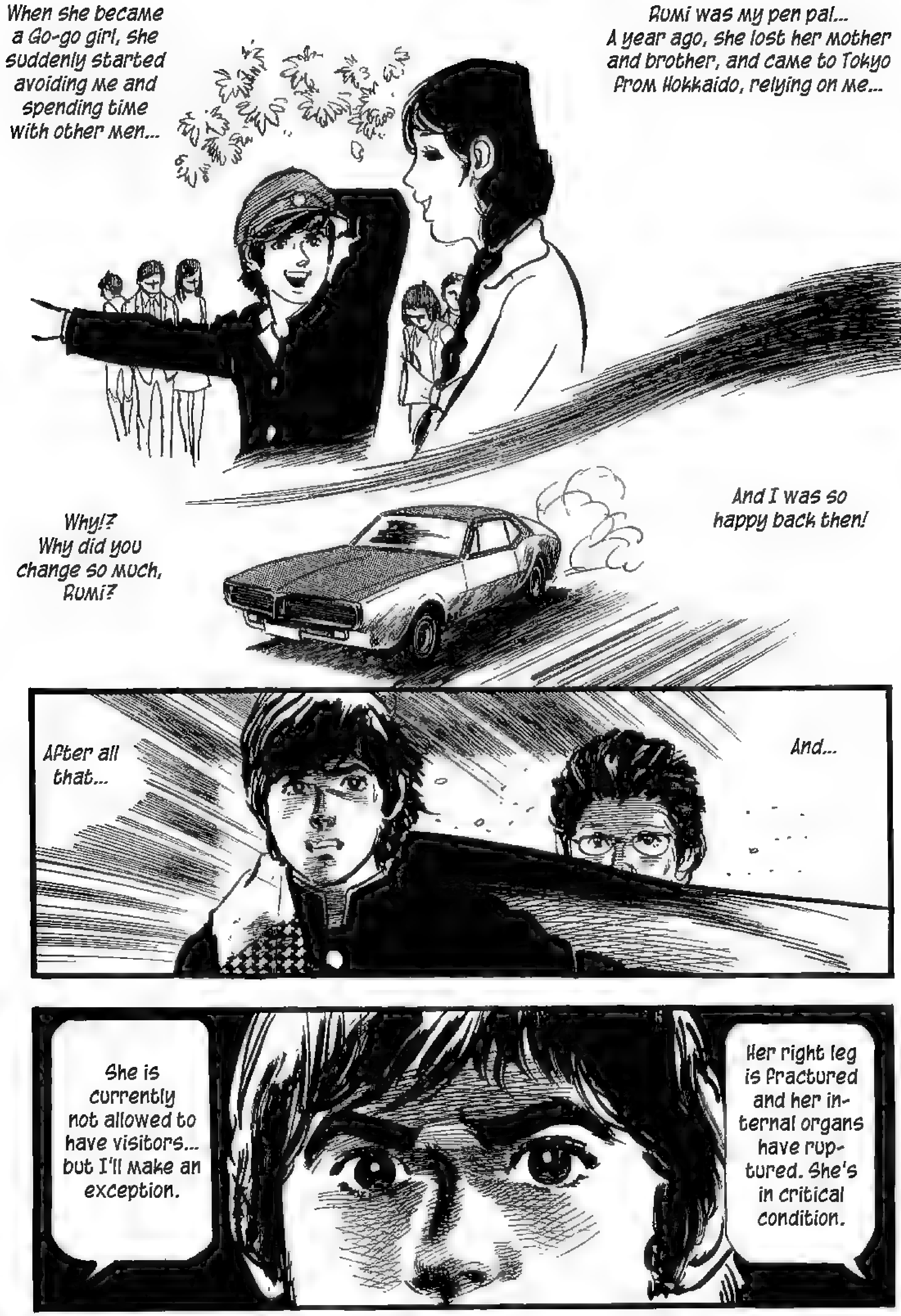
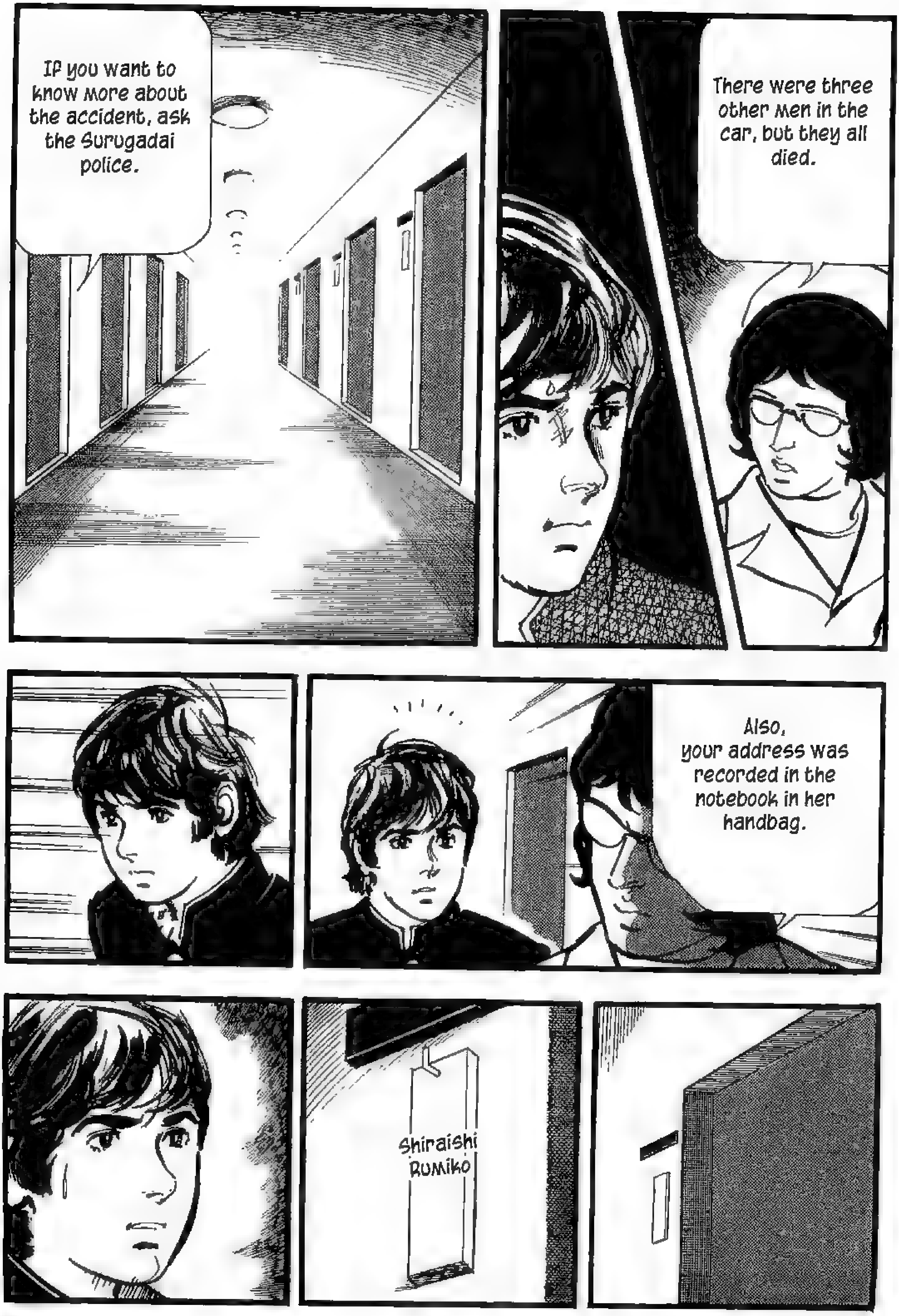
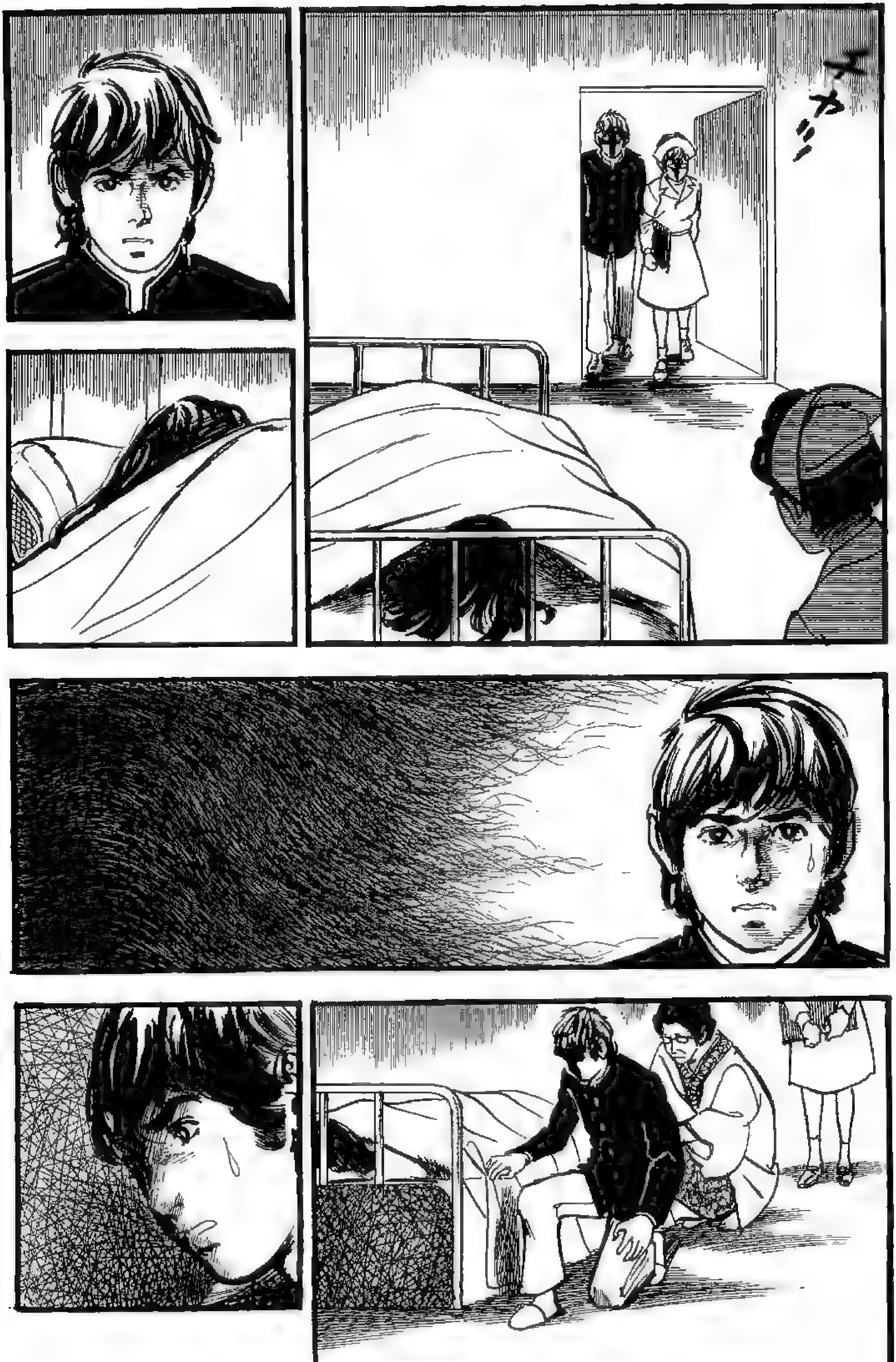

DIDN'T YOU ALWAYS TELL ME YOU WOULD STUDY HARD AND BECOME A PROMINENT SCIENTIST!?
PLEASE, GO HOME! THIS IS NO PLACE FOR YOU TO BE!
This man always takes me home... You should go home.
I'm sure your aunt's worried about you.
Rumi...


Rumi was my pen pal... A year ago, she lost her mother and brother, and came to Tokyo from Hokkaido, relying on me...
When she became a Go-go girl, she suddenly started avoiding me and spending time with other men...
And I was so happy back then!
Why!? Why did you change so much, Rumi?
And...
After all that...
Her right leg is fractured and her internal organs have ruptured. She's in critical condition.
She is currently not allowed to have visitors... but I'll make an exception.


There were three other men in the car, but they all died.
If you want to know more about the accident, ask the Surugadai police.
Also, your address was recorded in the notebook in her handbag.
Shiraishi Rumiko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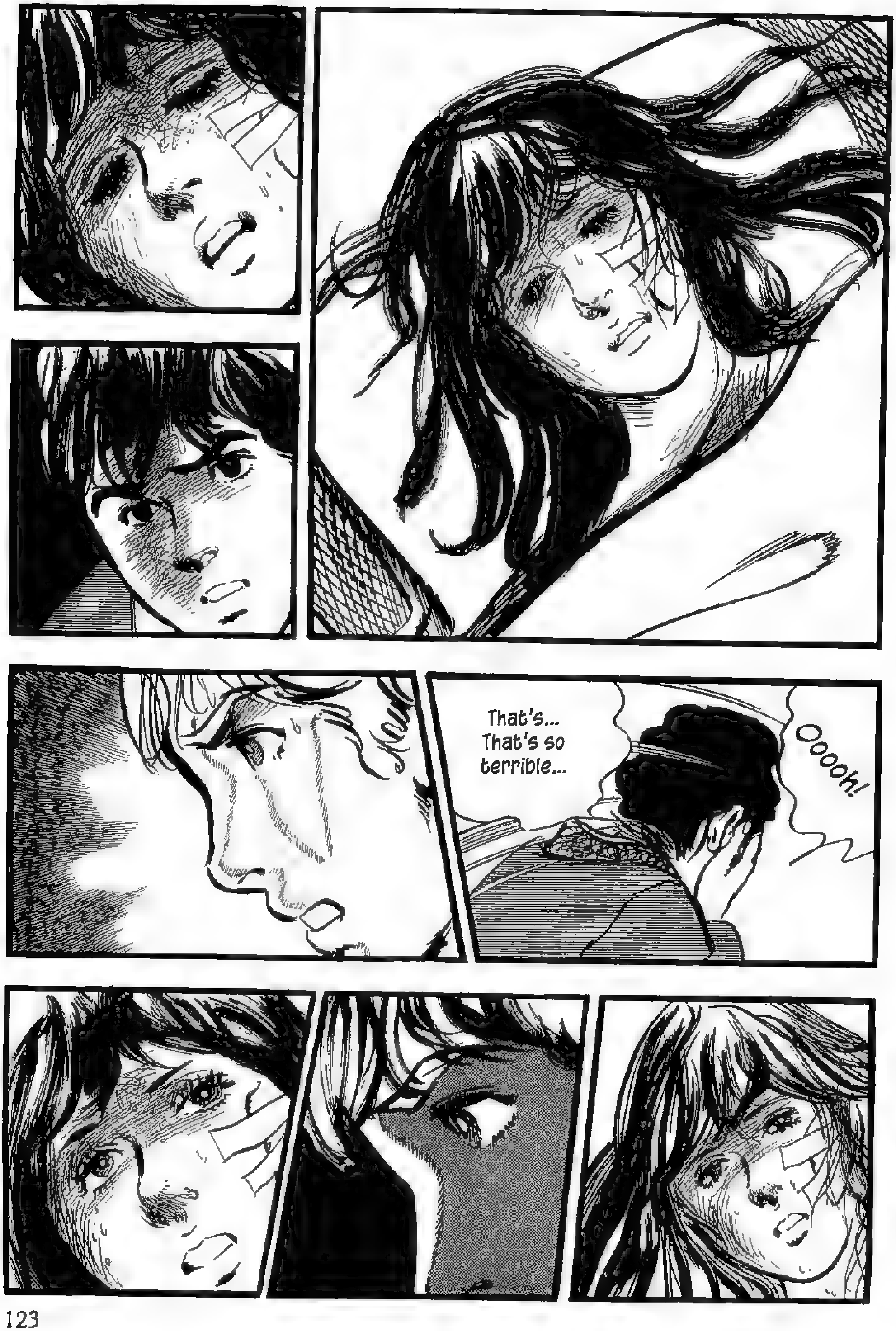
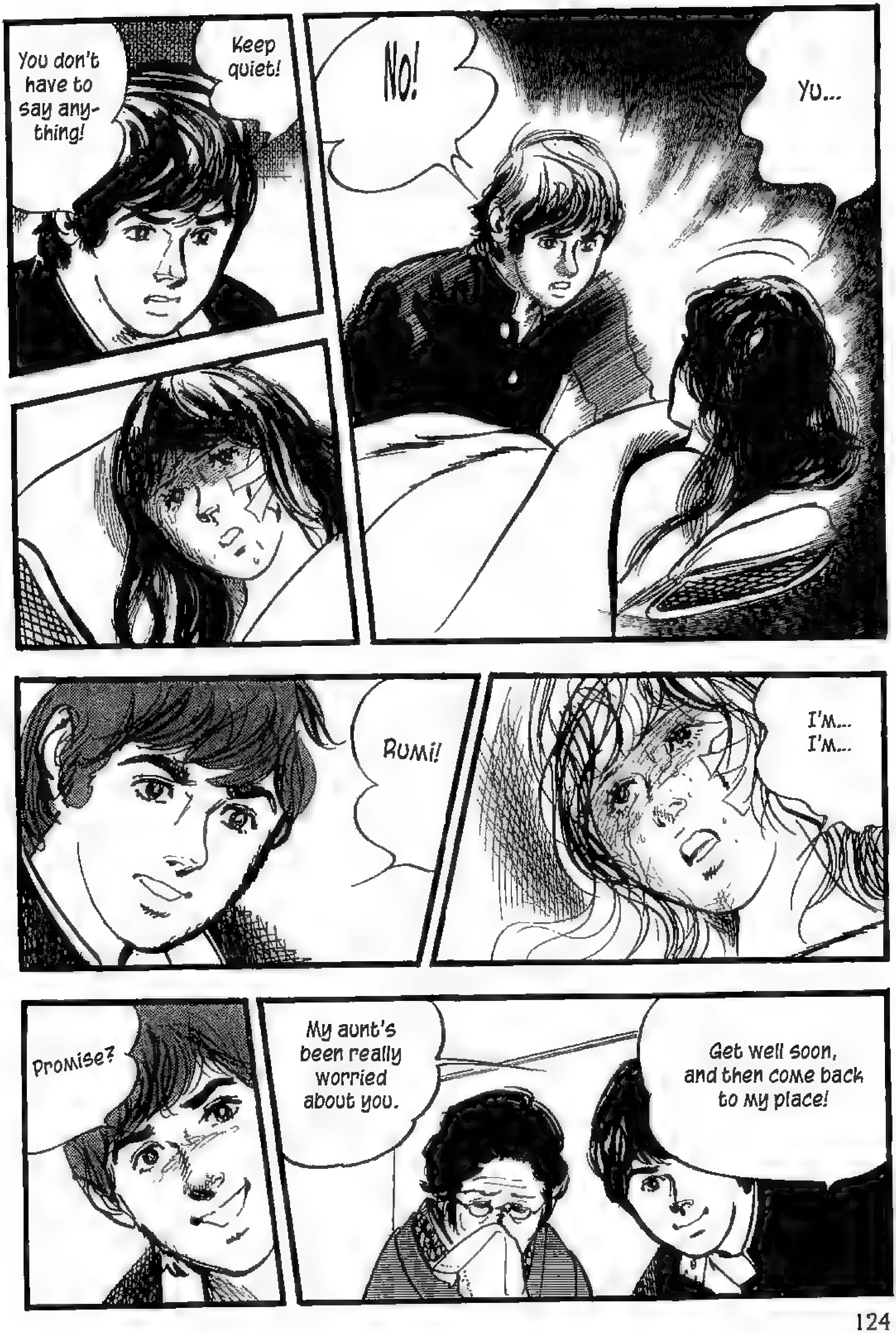
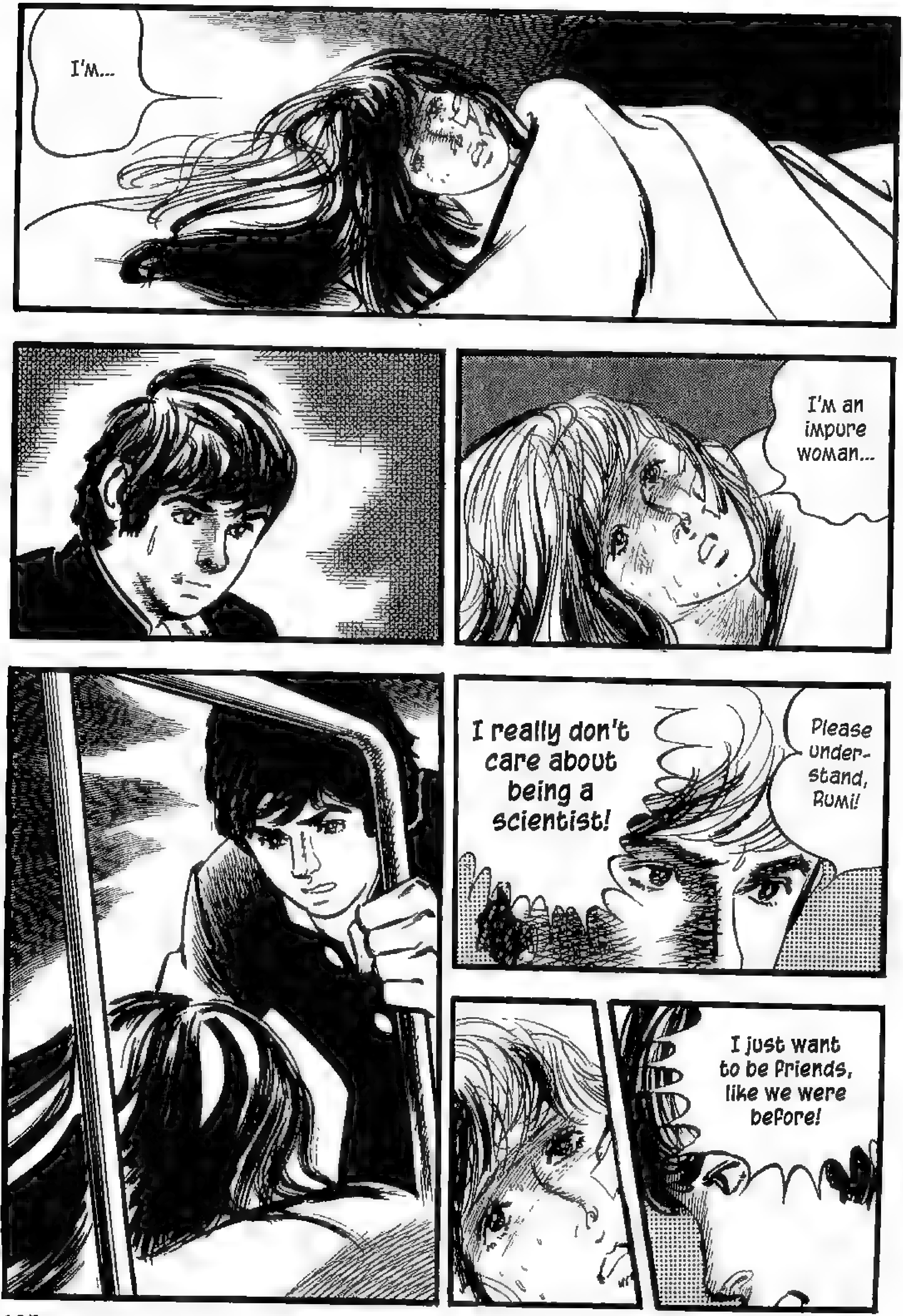
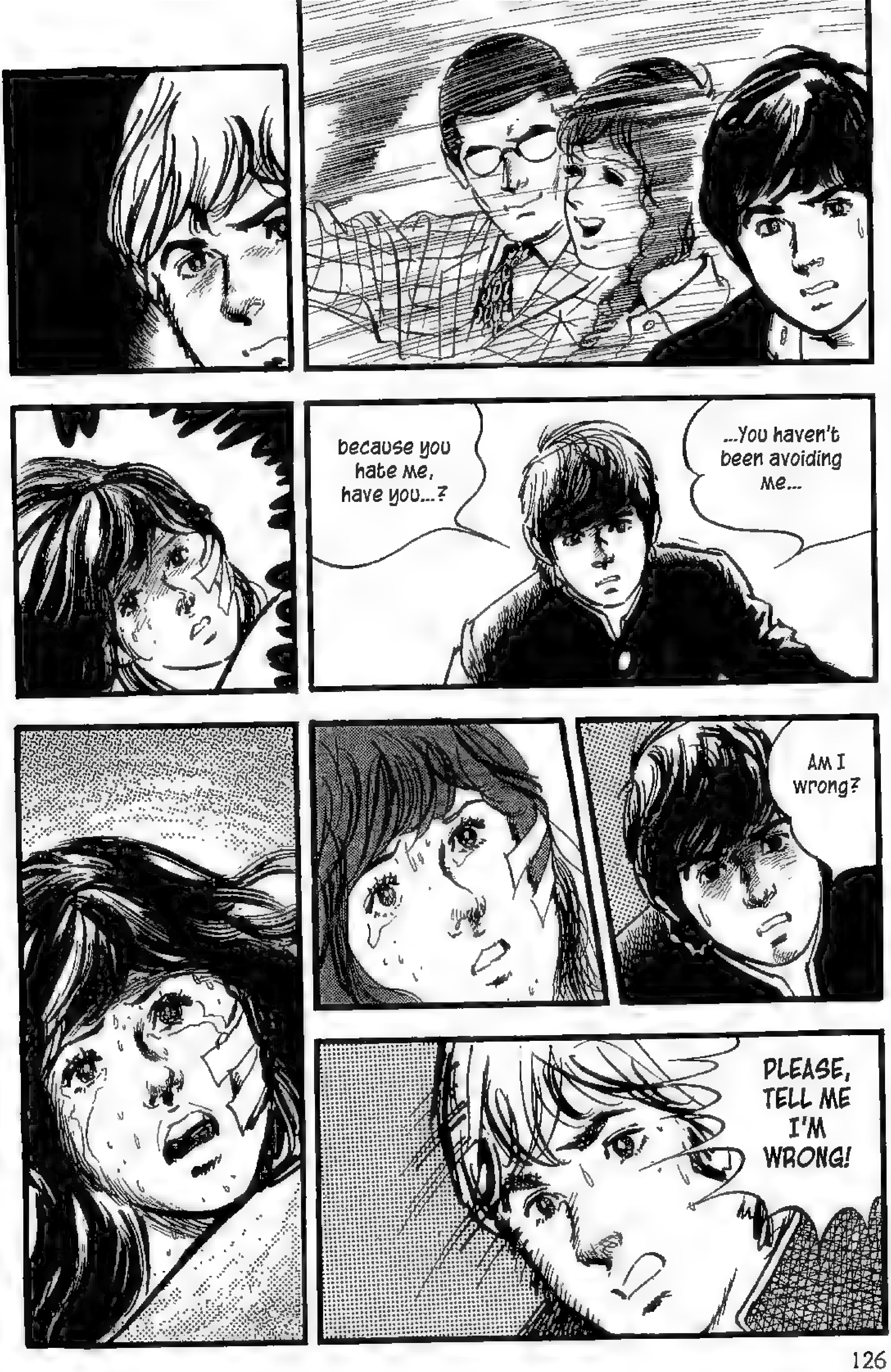
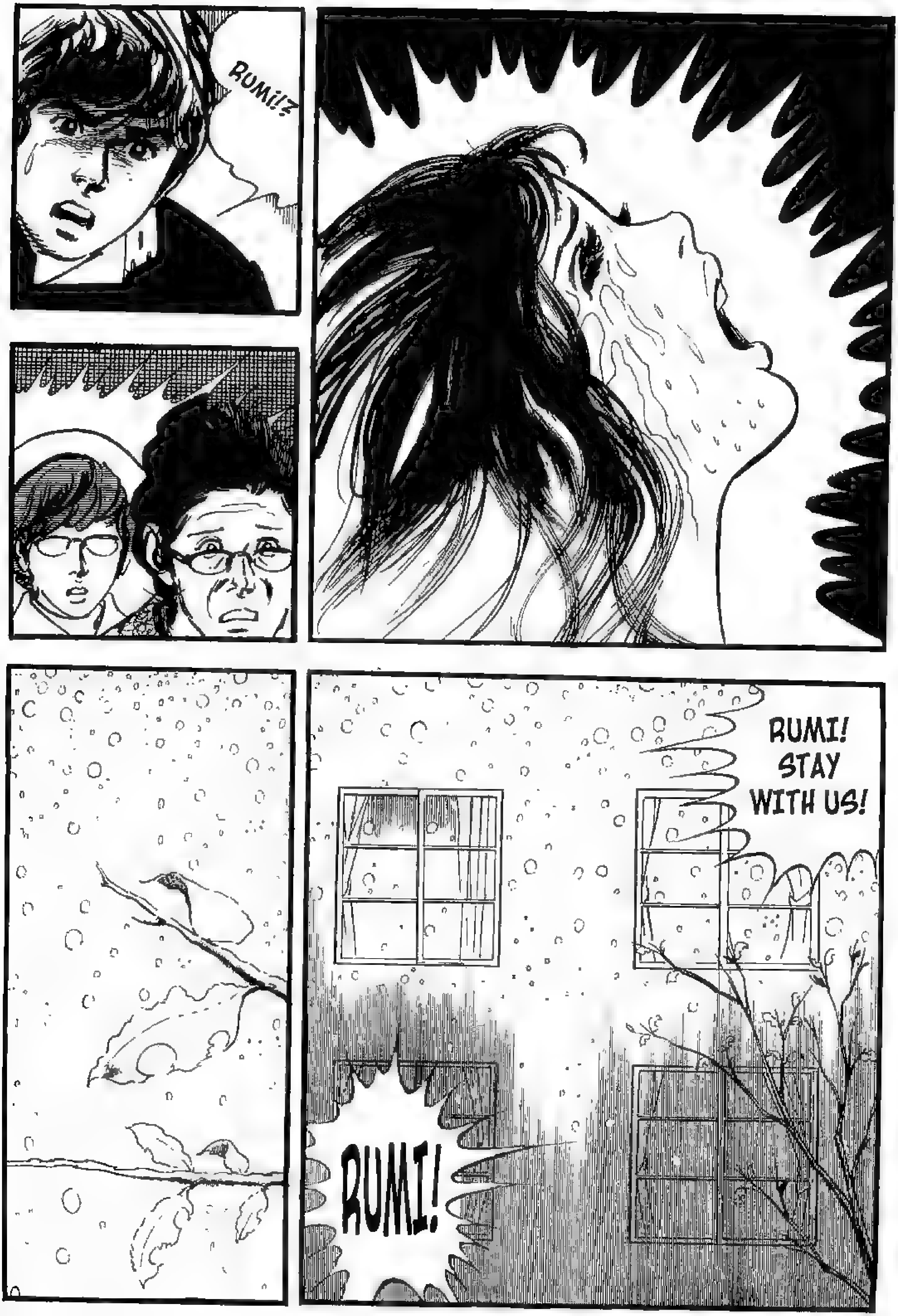
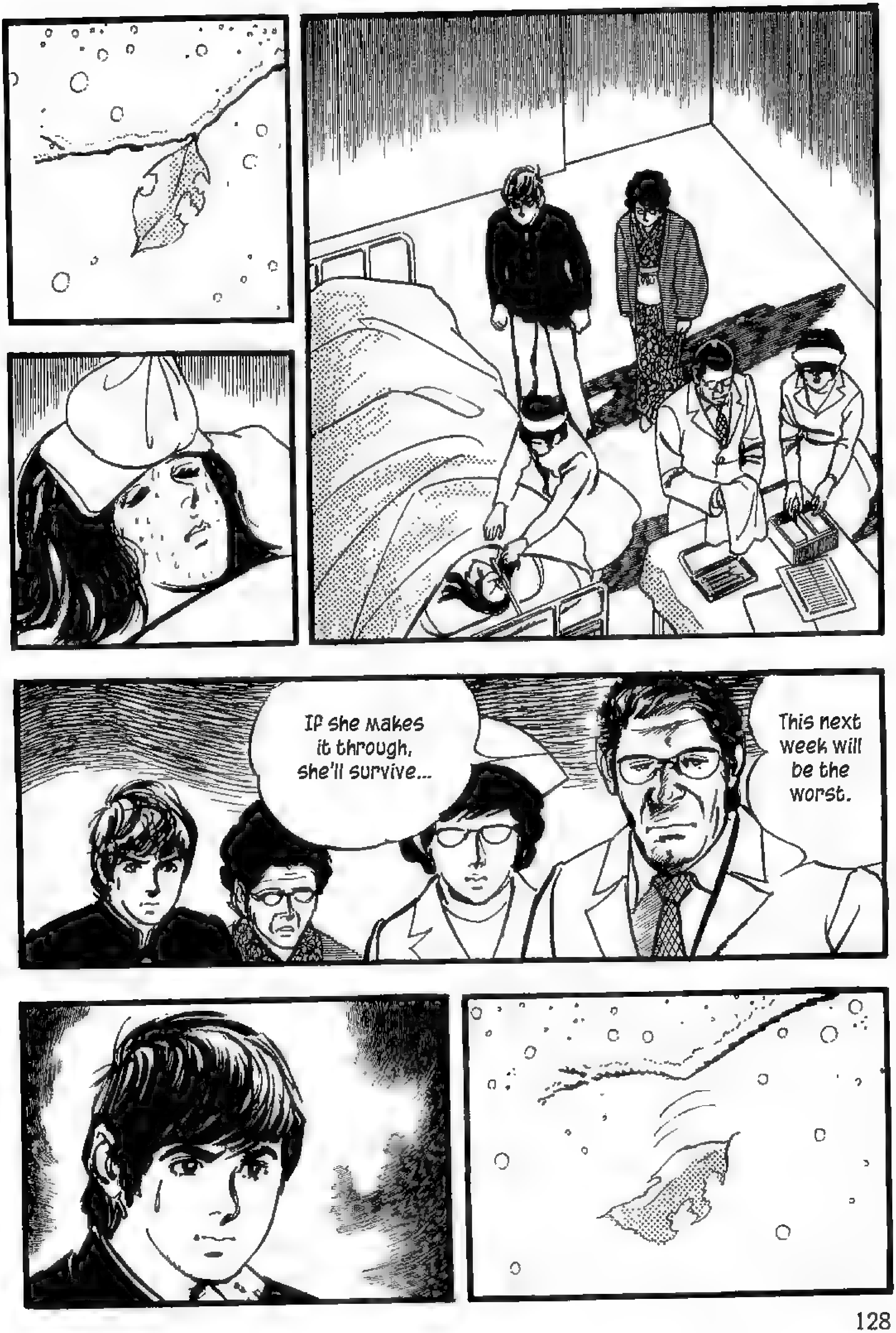

Ooooh!
That's... That's so terrible...

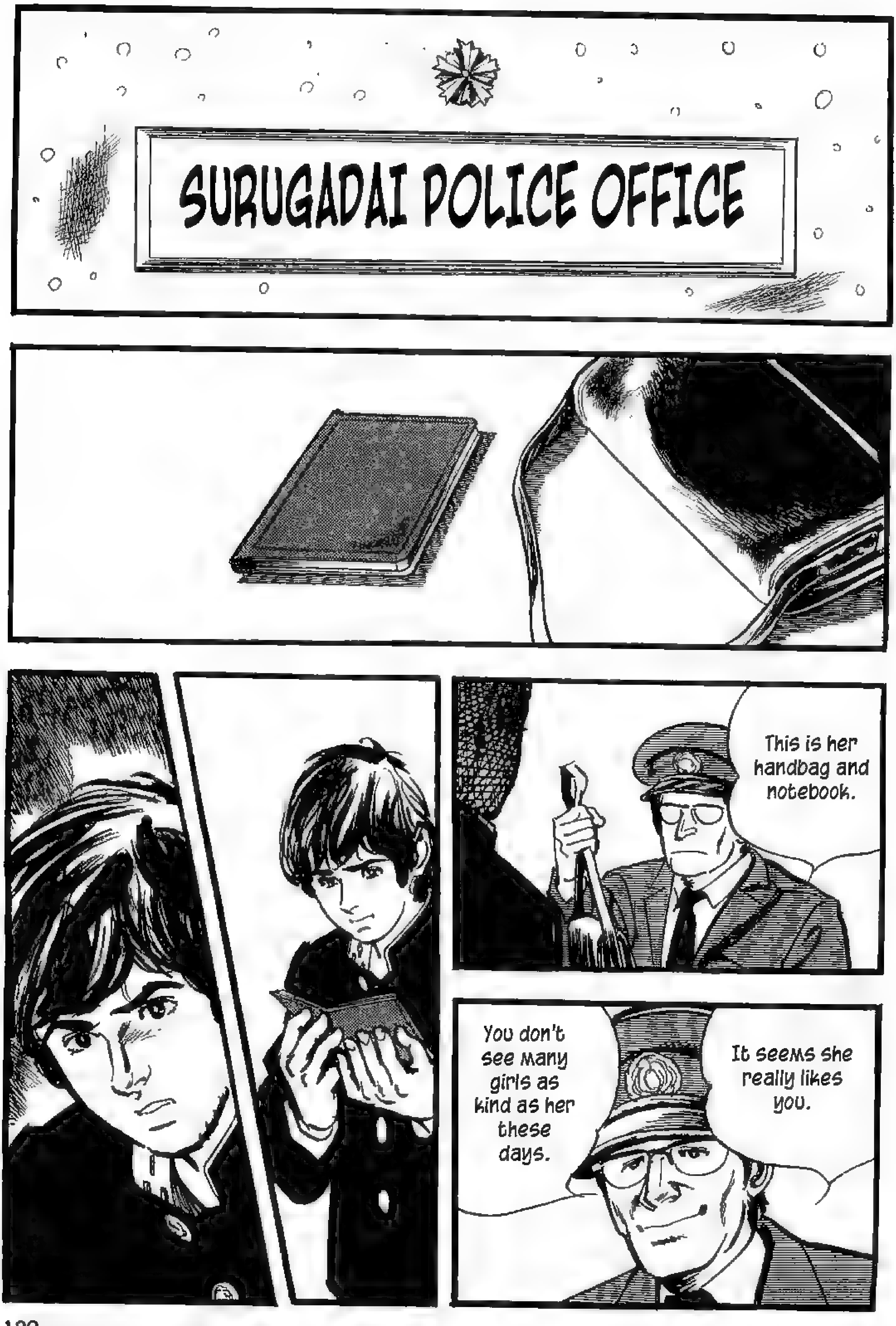

Yu...
No!
Keep quiet!
You don't have to say anything!
I'm... I'm...
Rumi!
Get well soon, and then come back to my place!
My aunt's been really worried about you.
Promise?

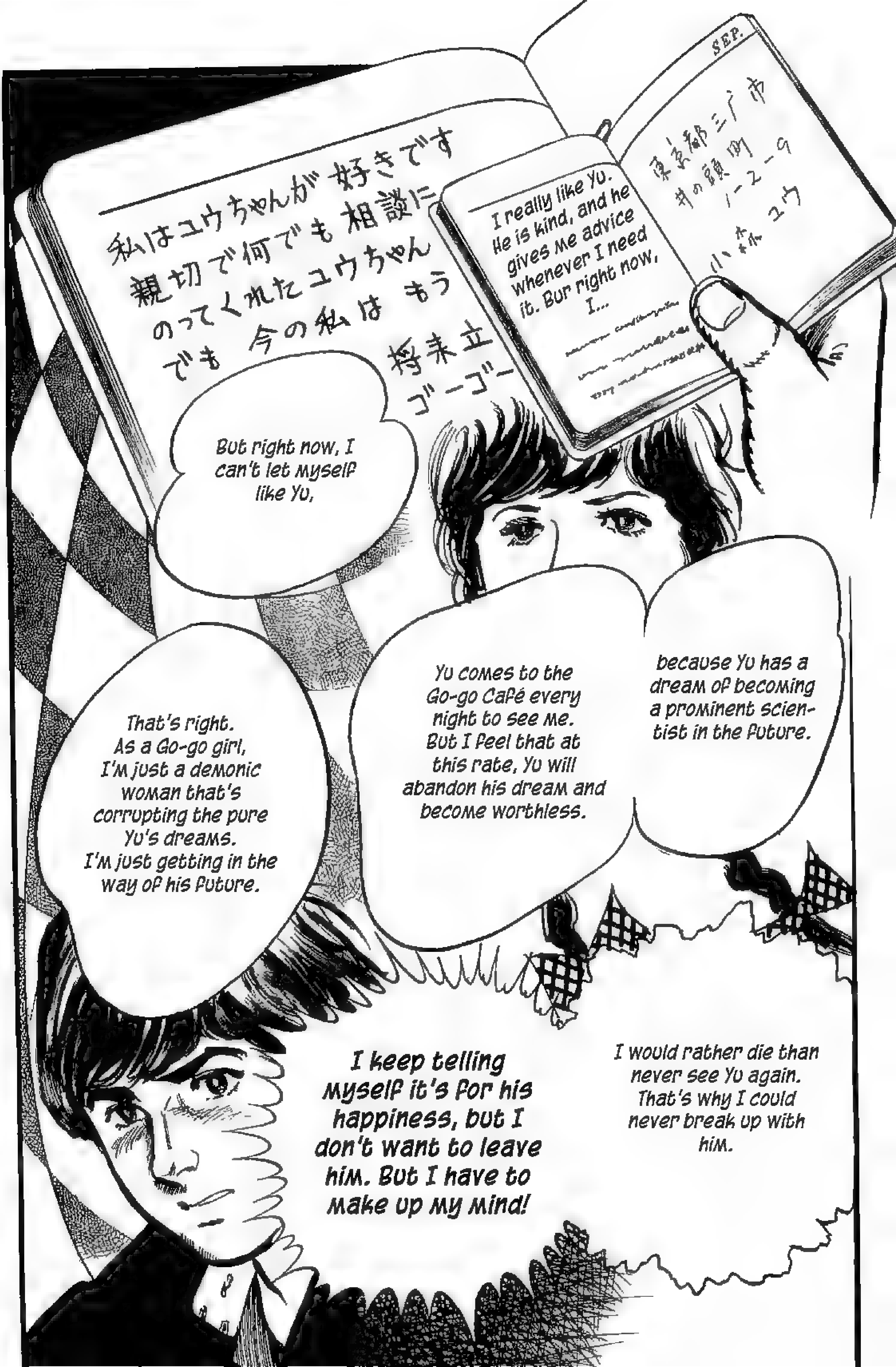

I'm...
I'm an impure woman...
I really don't care about being a scientist!
Please under-stand, Rumi!
I just want to be friends, like we were before!


...You haven't been avoiding me...
because you hate me, have you...?
Am I wrong?
PLEASE, TELL ME I'M WRONG!


RUMI!?
RUMI! STAY WITH US!
RUMI!


This next week will be the worst.
If she makes it through, she'll survive...


SURUGADAI POLICE OFFICE
This is her handbag and notebook.
It seems she really likes you.
You don't see many girls as kind as her these days.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井の頭町
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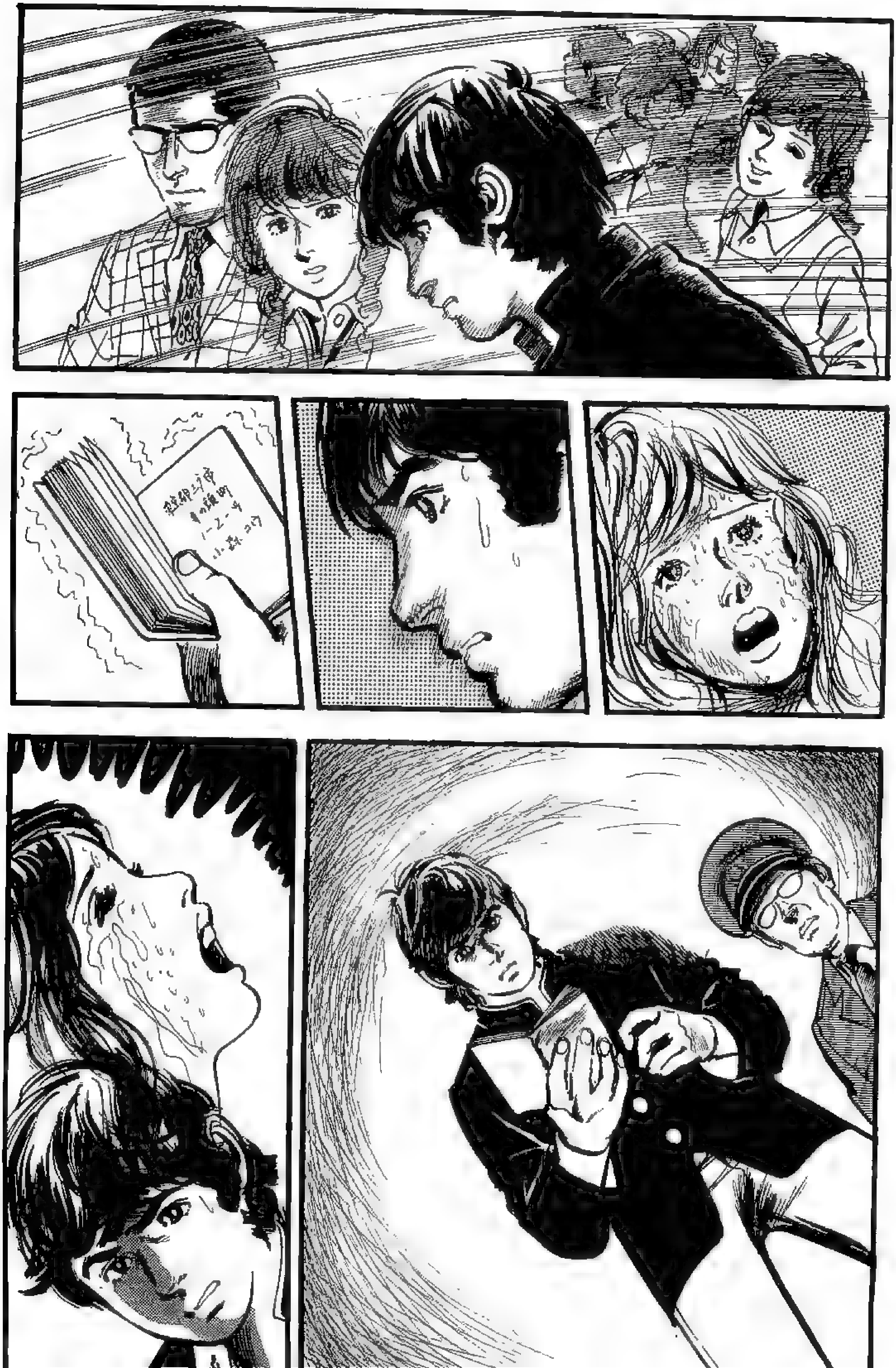
小森 ユウ
私はユウちゃんが 好きです
親切で何でも 相談に
のってくれたユウちゃん
でも 今の私は もう
将来立
ゴーゴー
I really like Yu. He is kind, and he gives me advice whenever I need it. Bur right now, I...
But right now, I can't let myself like Yu,
because Yu has a dream of becoming a prominent scientist in the future.
Yu comes to the Go-go Café every night to see me. But I feel that at this rate, Yu will abandon his dream and become worthless.
That's right. As a Go-go girl, I'm just a demonic woman that's corrupting the pure Yu's dreams. I'm just getting in the way of his future.
I would rather die than never see Yu again. That's why I could never break up with him.
I keep telling myself it's for his happiness, but I don't want to leave him. But I have to make up my mind!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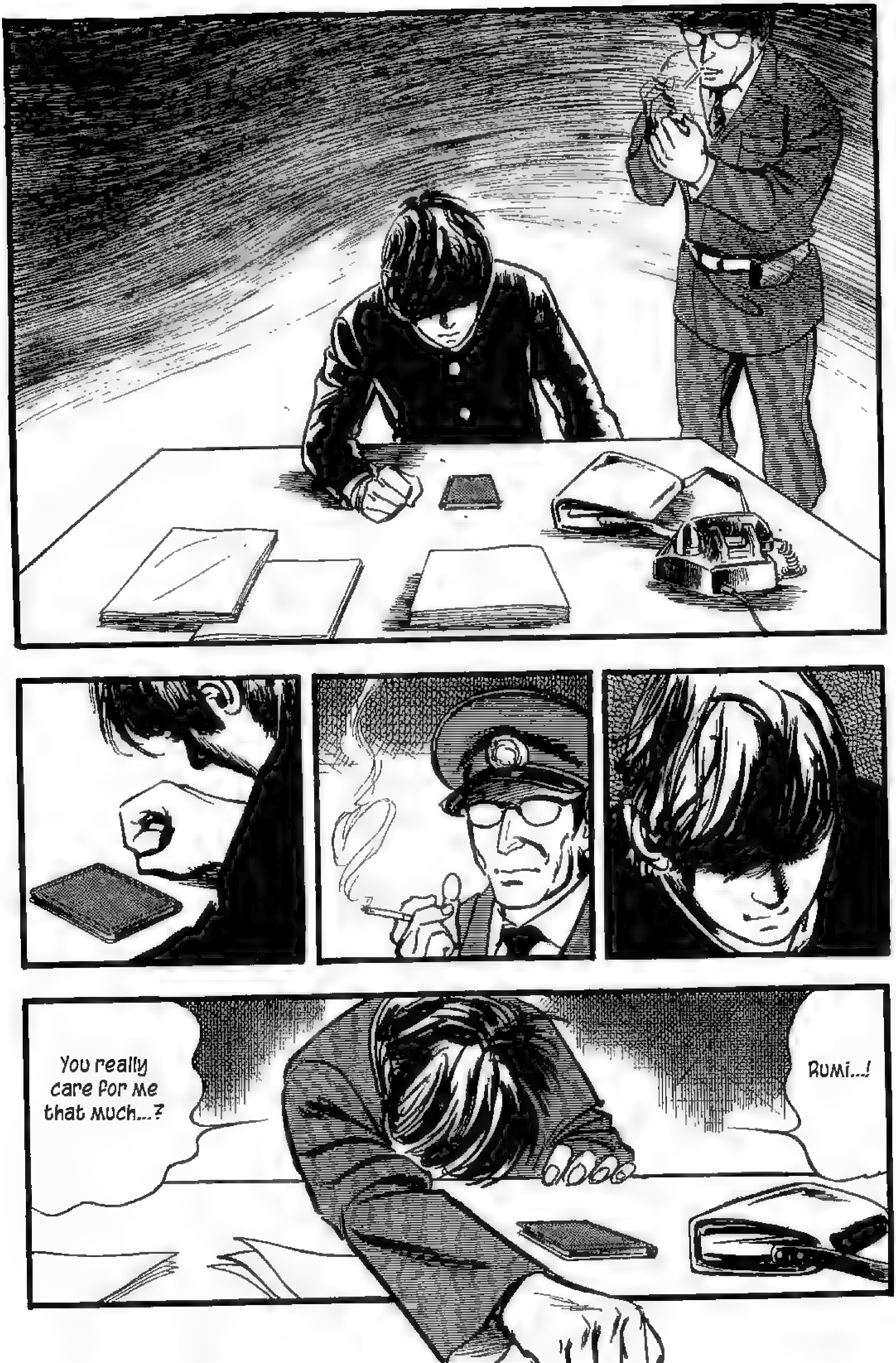
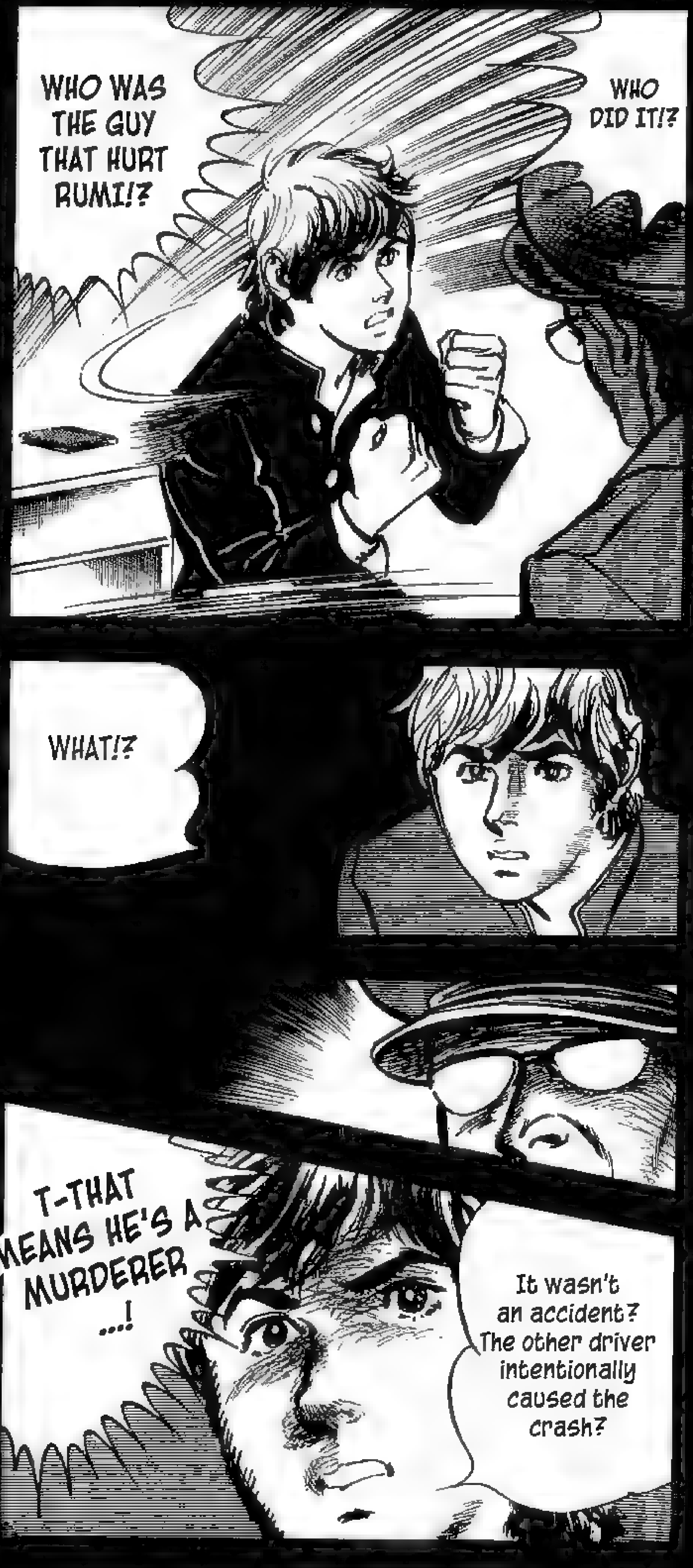
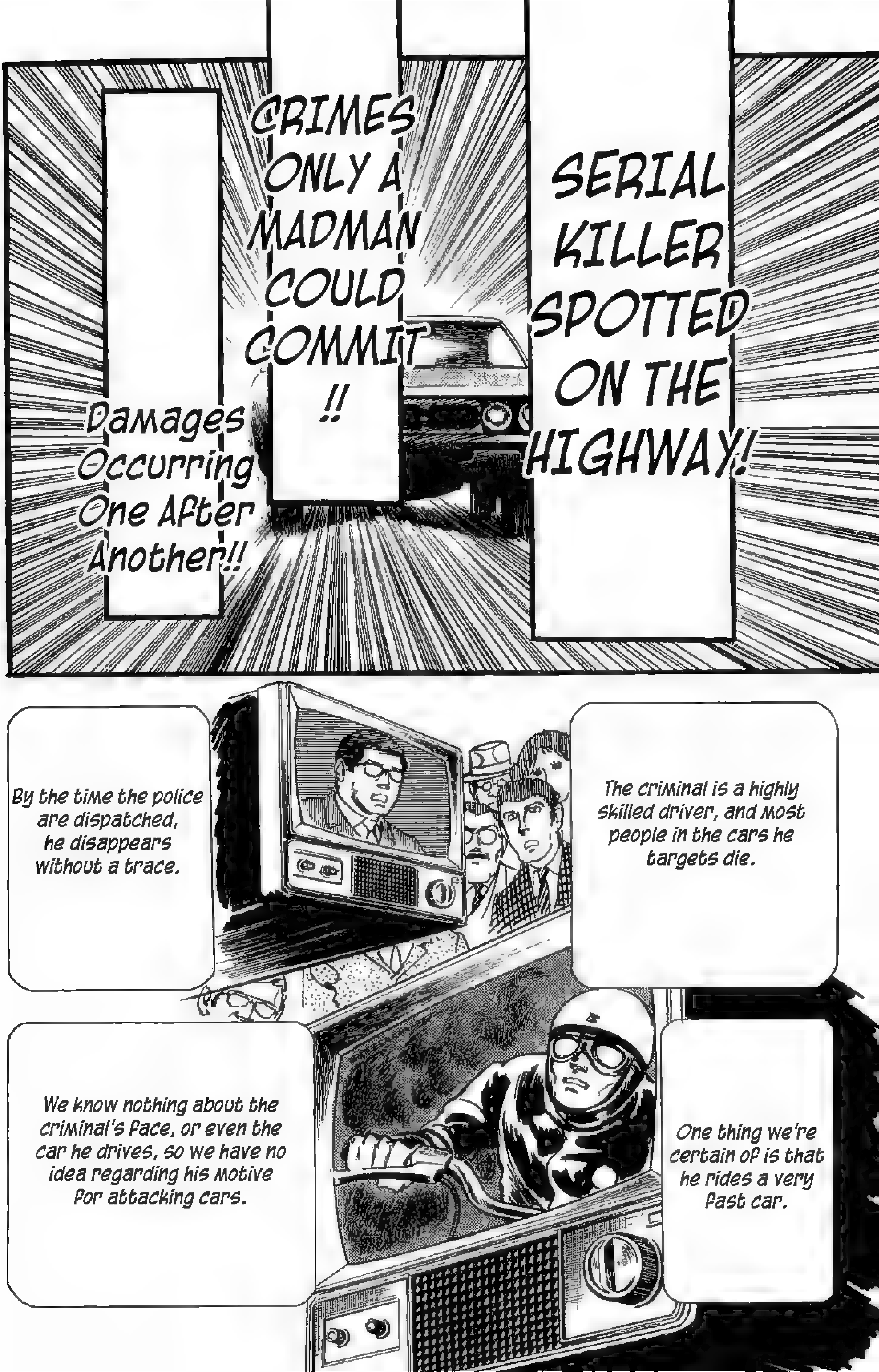
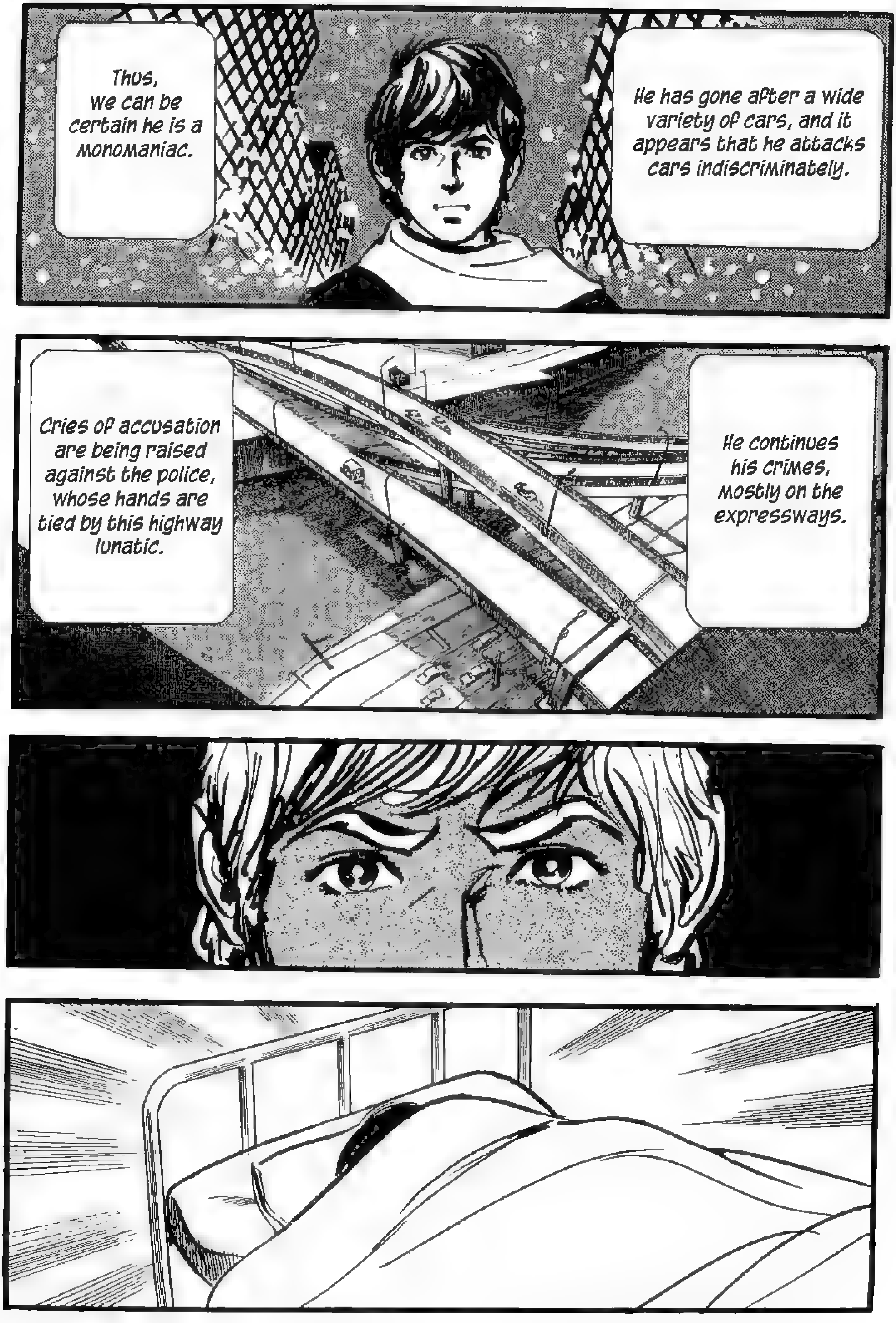
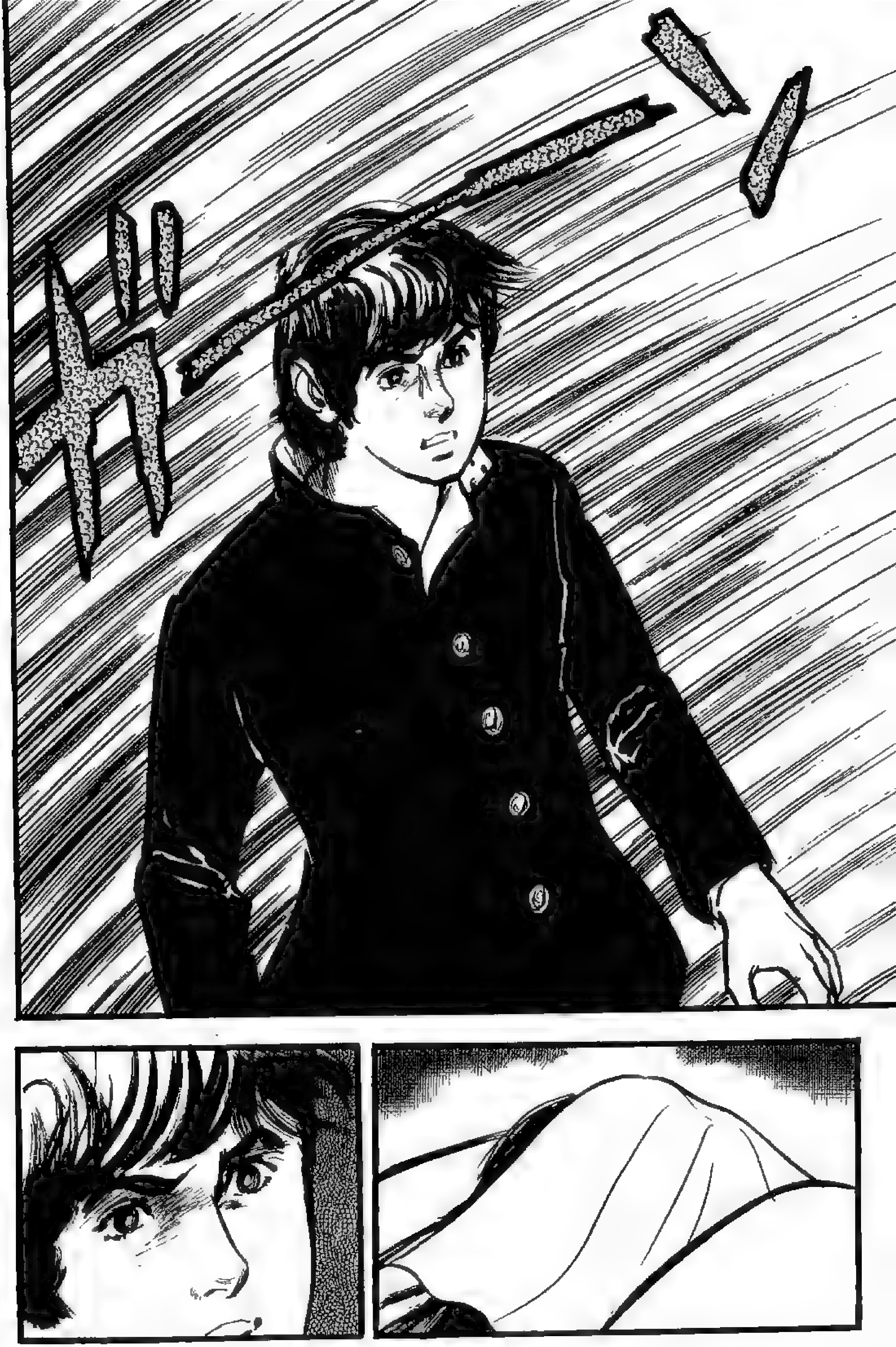

Rumi...!
You really care for me that much...?


WHO DID IT!?
WHO WAS THE GUY THAT HURT RUMI!?
WHAT!?
It wasn't an accident? The other driver intentionally caused the crash?
T-THAT MEANS HE'S A MURDERER ...!


SERIAL KILLER SPOTTED ON THE HIGHWAY!
CRIMES ONLY A MADMAN COULD COMMIT!!
Damages Occurring One After Another!!
The criminal is a highly skilled driver, and most people in the cars he targets die.
By the time the police are dispatched, he disappears without a trace.
One thing we're certain of is that he rides a very fast car.
We know nothing about the criminal's face, or even the car he drives, so we have no idea regarding his motive for attacking cars.


He has gone after a wide variety of cars, and it appears that he attacks cars indiscriminately.
Thus, we can be certain he is a monomaniac.
He continues his crimes, mostly on the expressways.
Cries of accusation are being raised against the police, whose hands are tied by this highway lunatic.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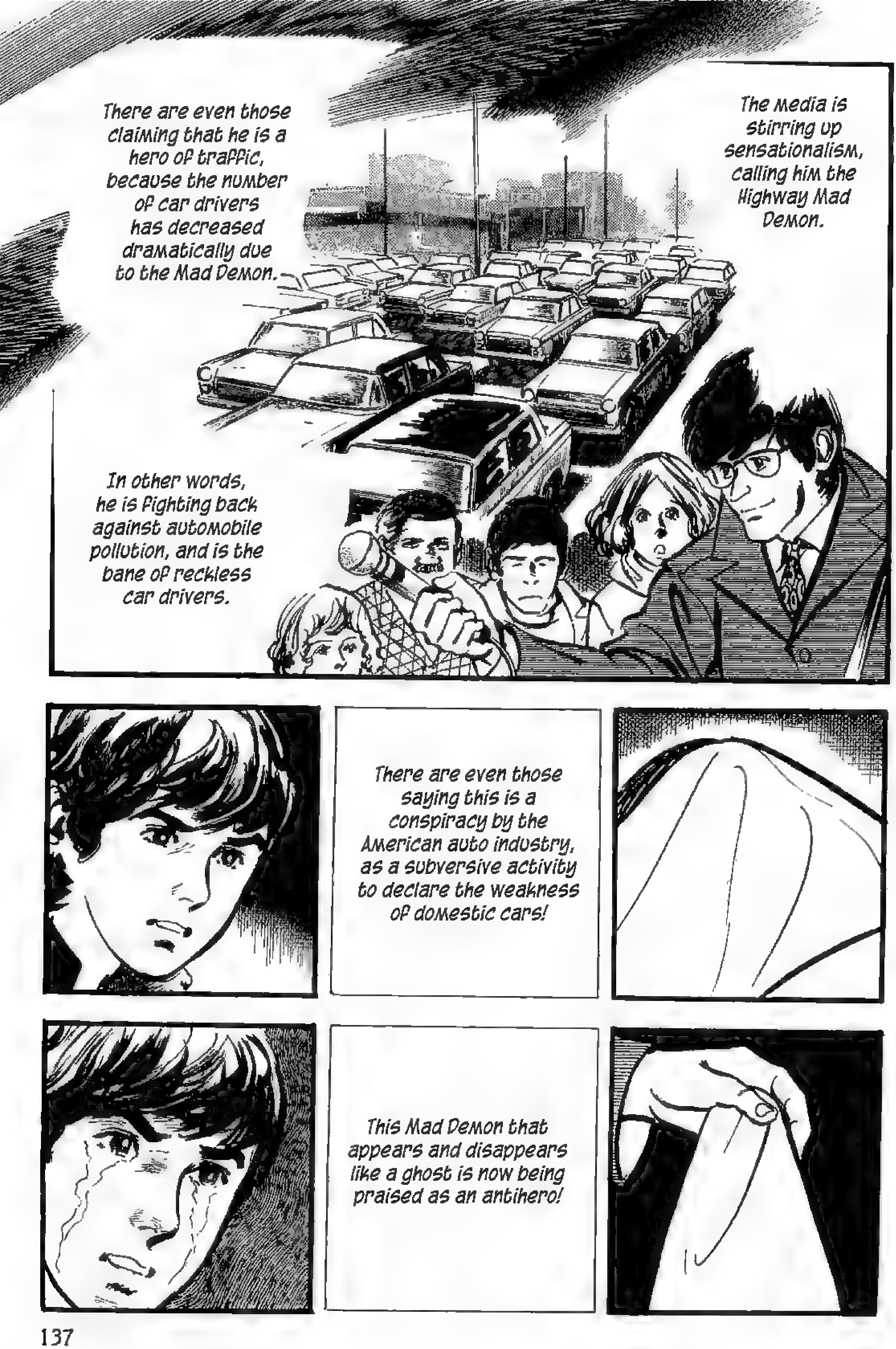
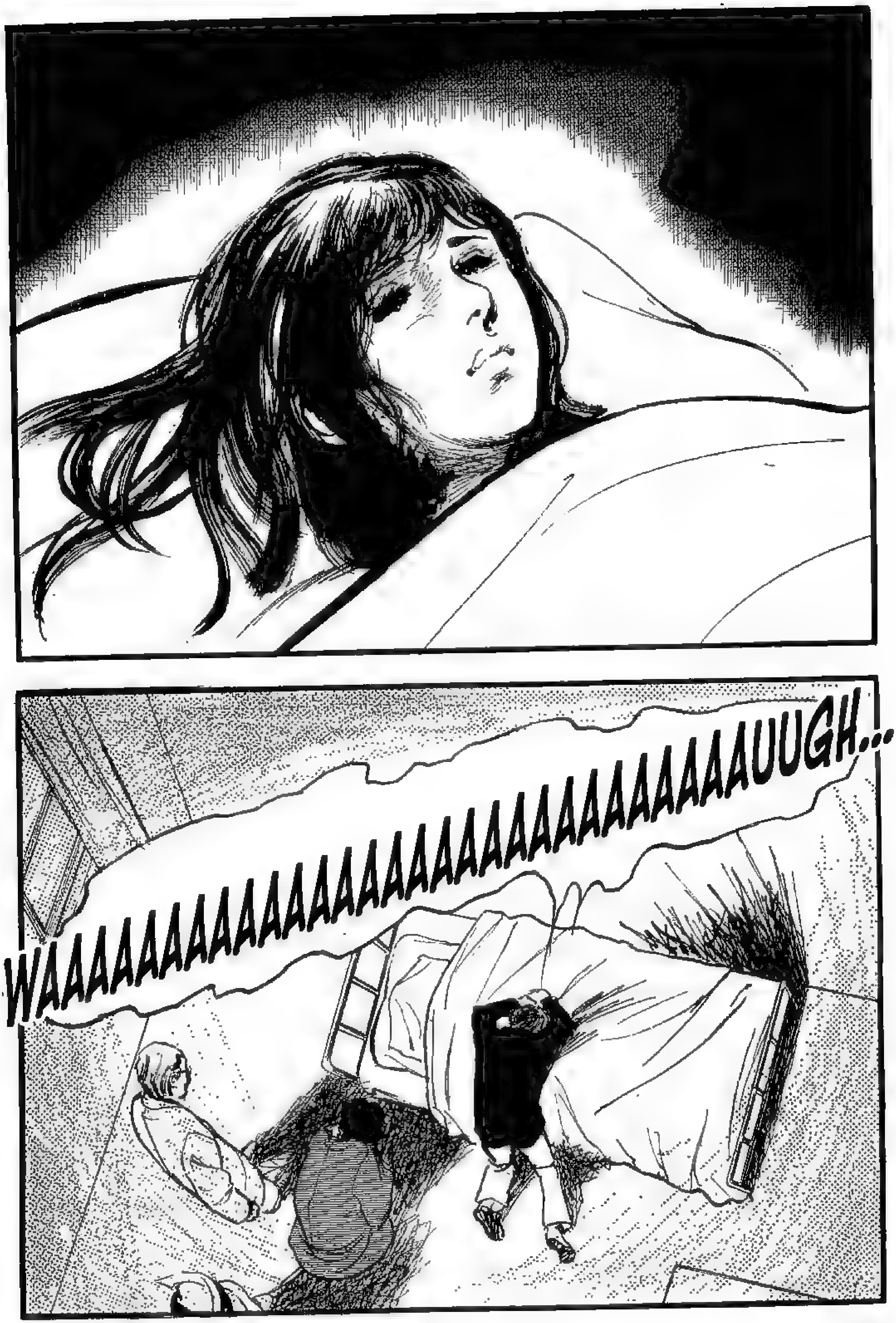

The media is stirring up sensationalism, calling him the Highway Mad Demon.
There are even those claiming that he is a hero of traffic, because the number of car drivers has decreased dramatically due to the Mad Demon.
In other words, he is fighting back against automobile pollution, and is the bane of reckless car drivers.
There are even those saying this is a conspiracy by the American auto industry, as a subversive activity to declare the weakness of domestic cars!
This Mad Demon that appears and disappears like a ghost is now being praised as an antihero!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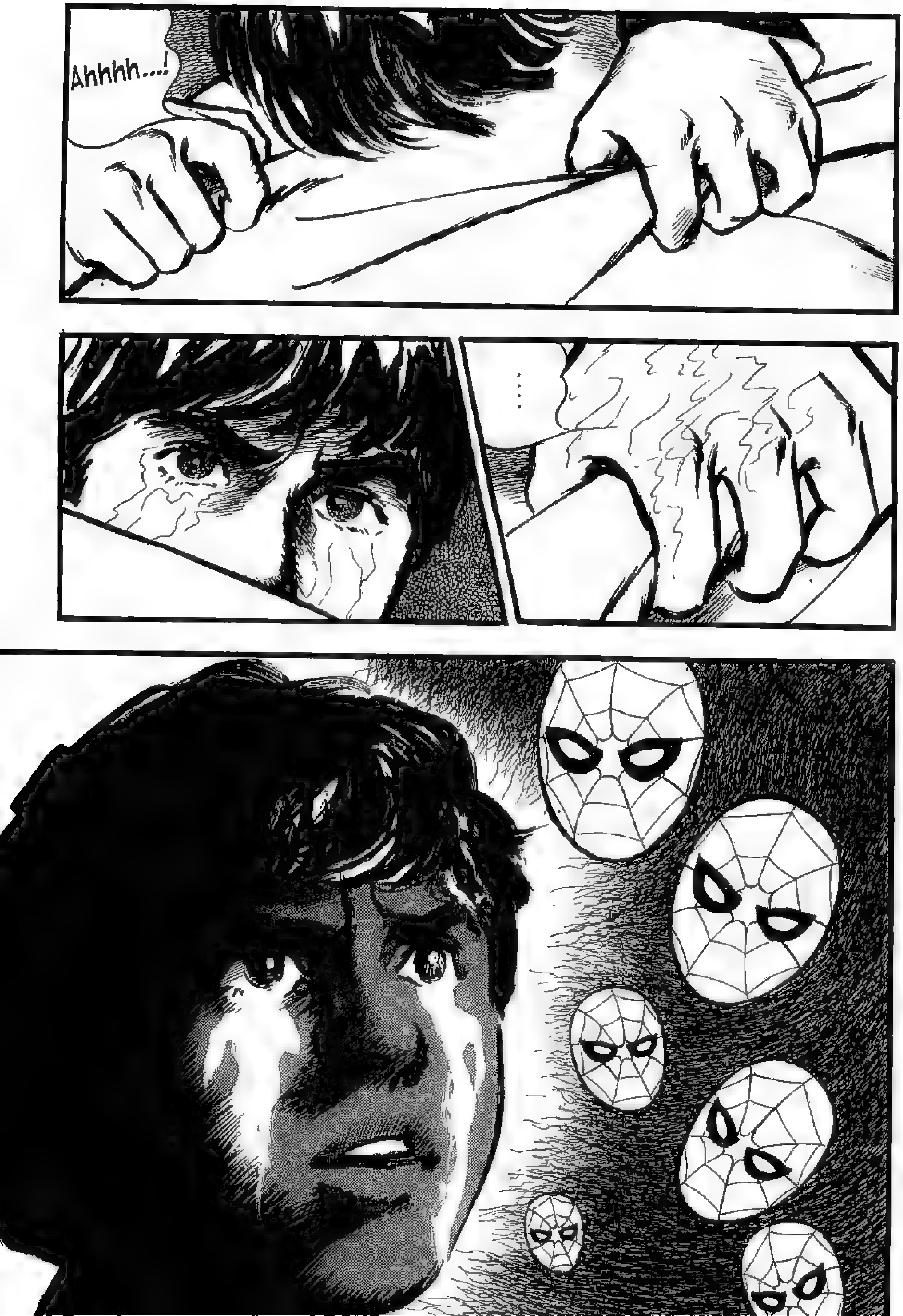
Ahhhh...!
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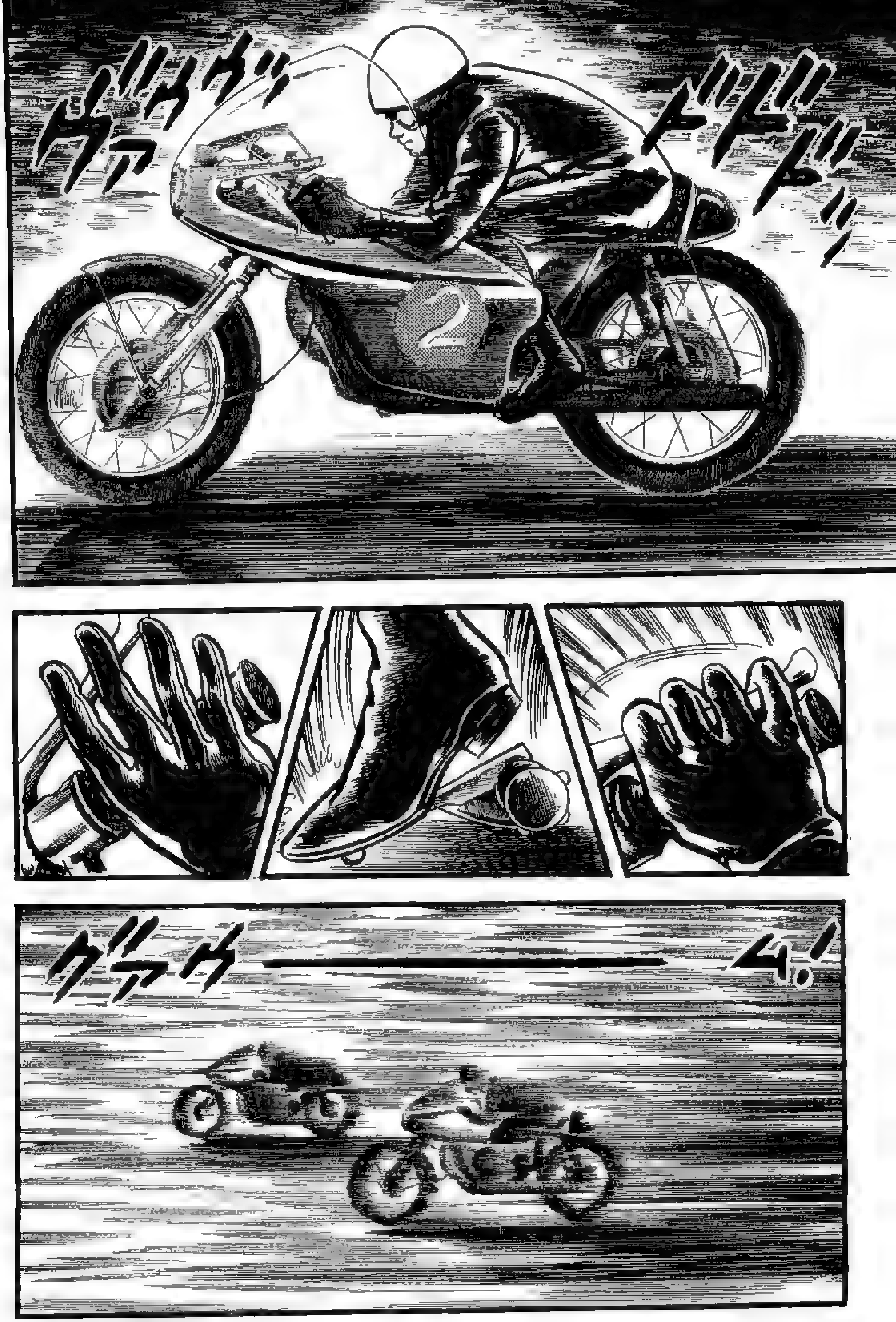
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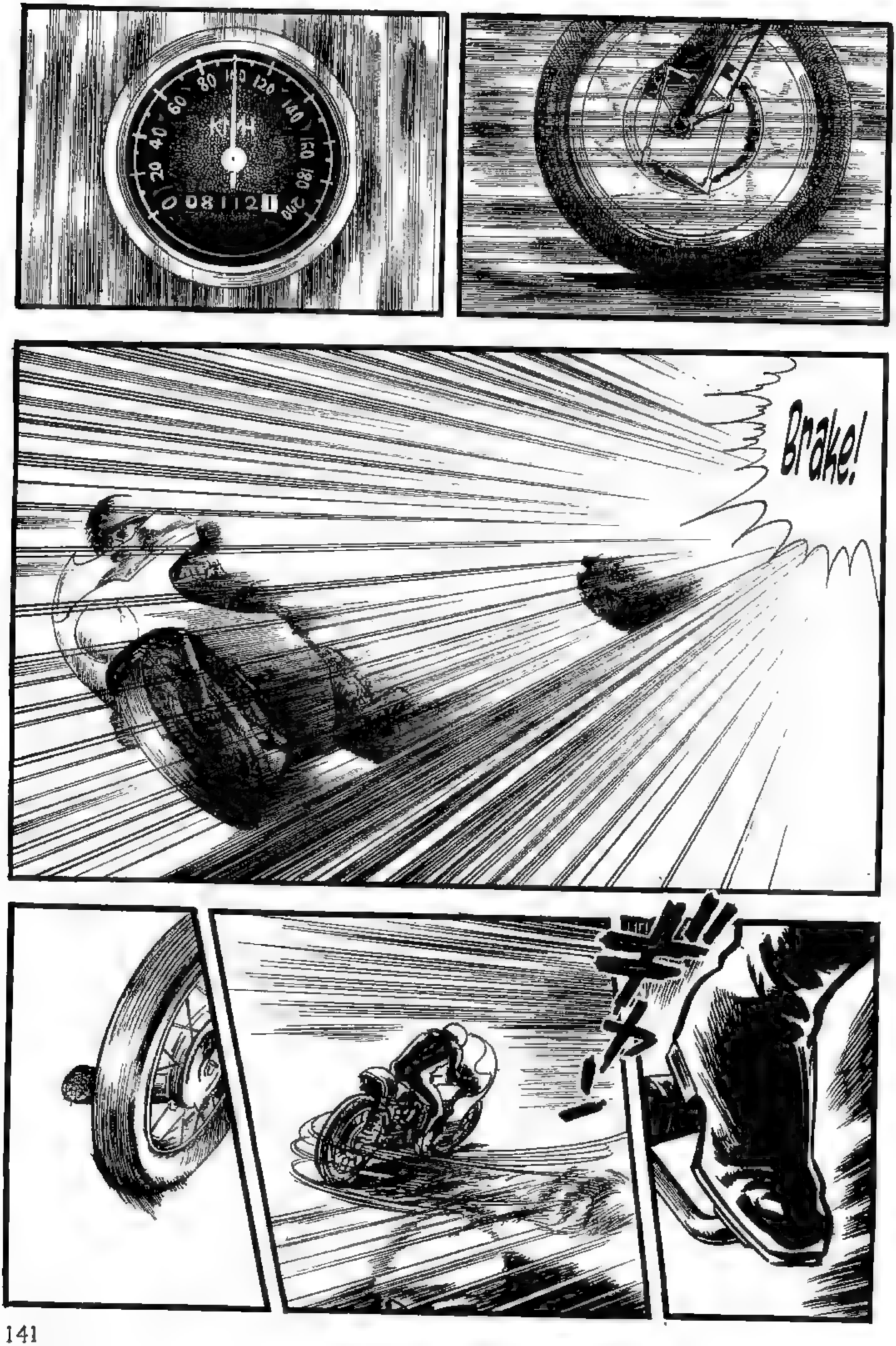
KM/H
Brake!
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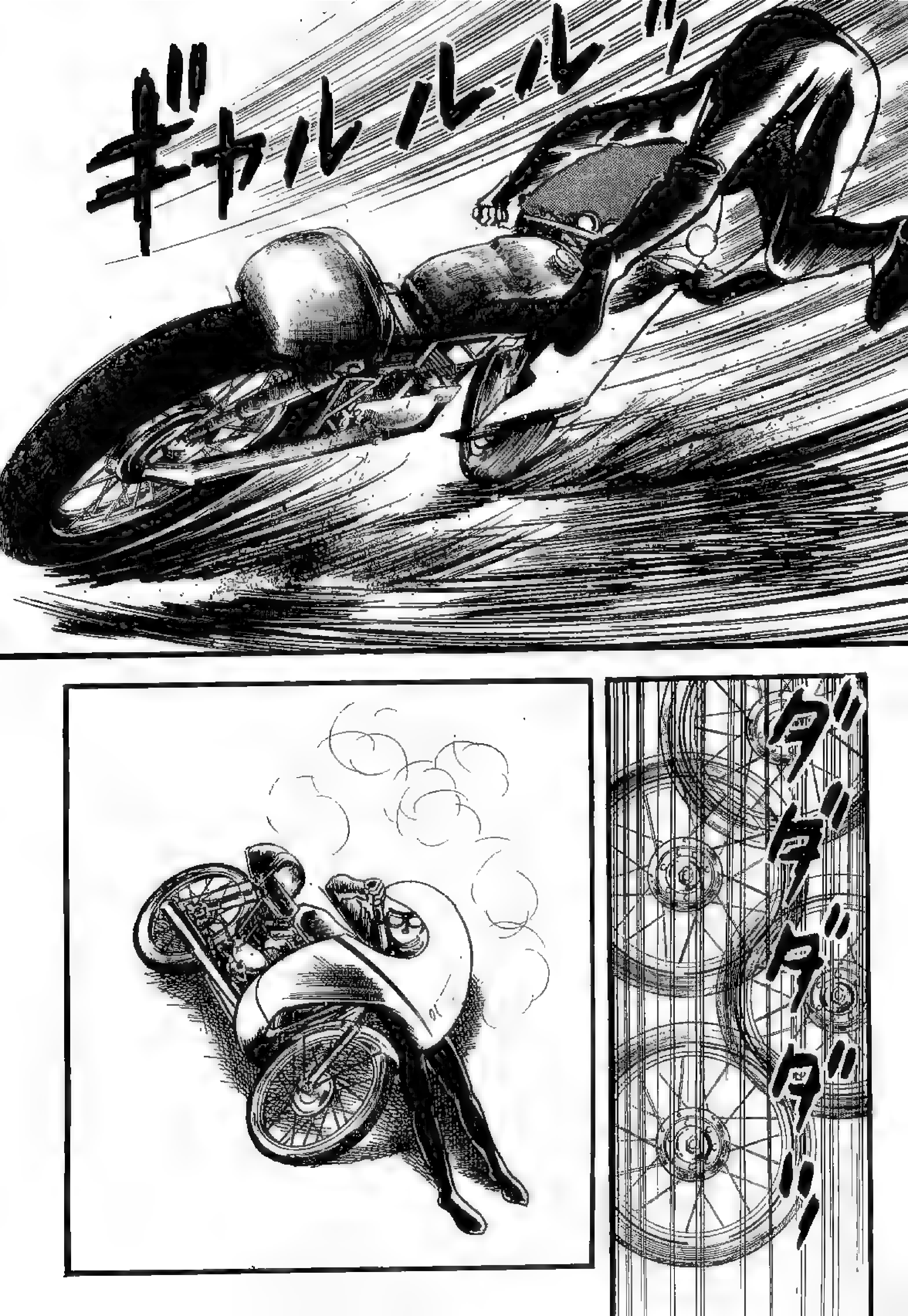
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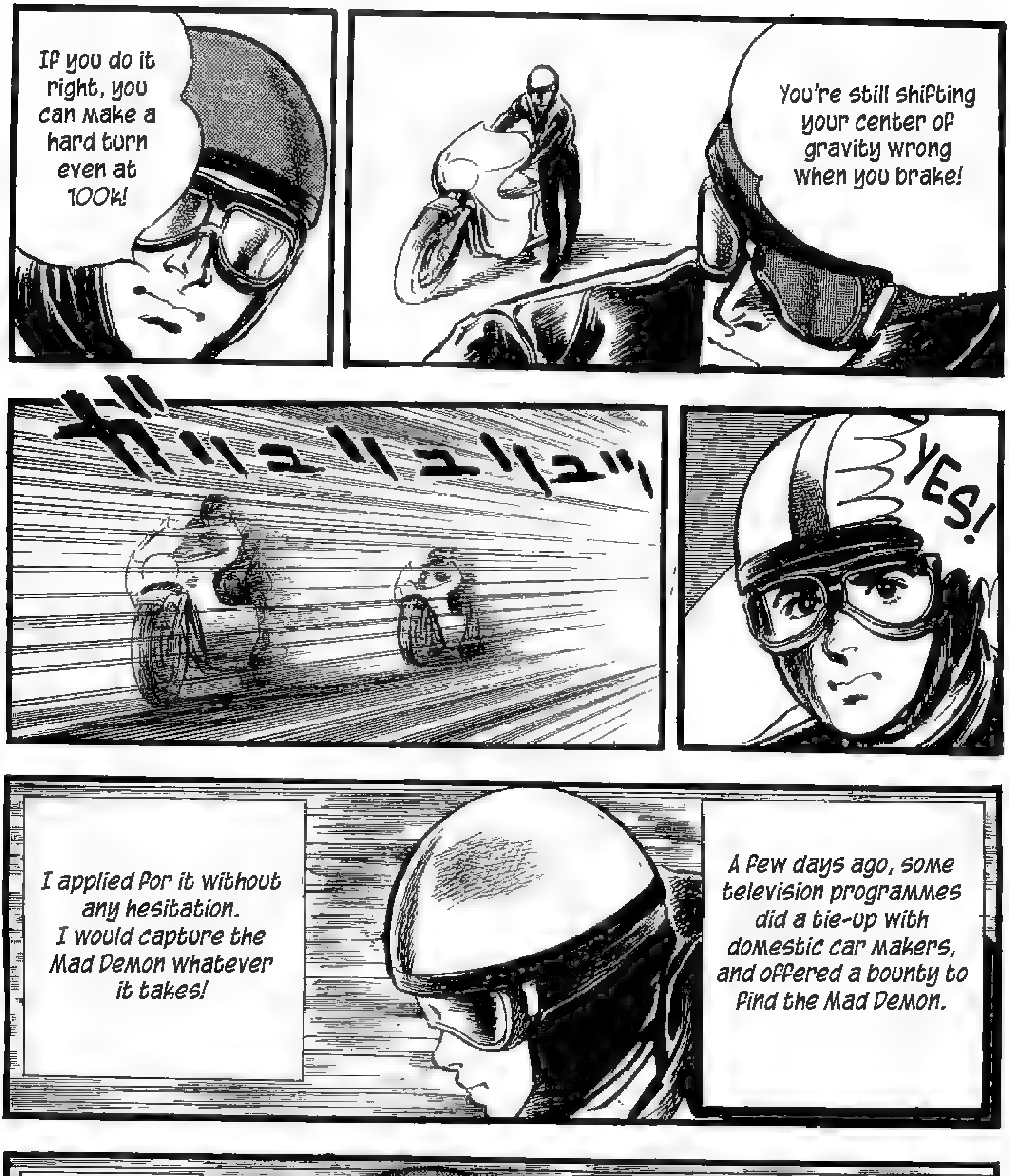
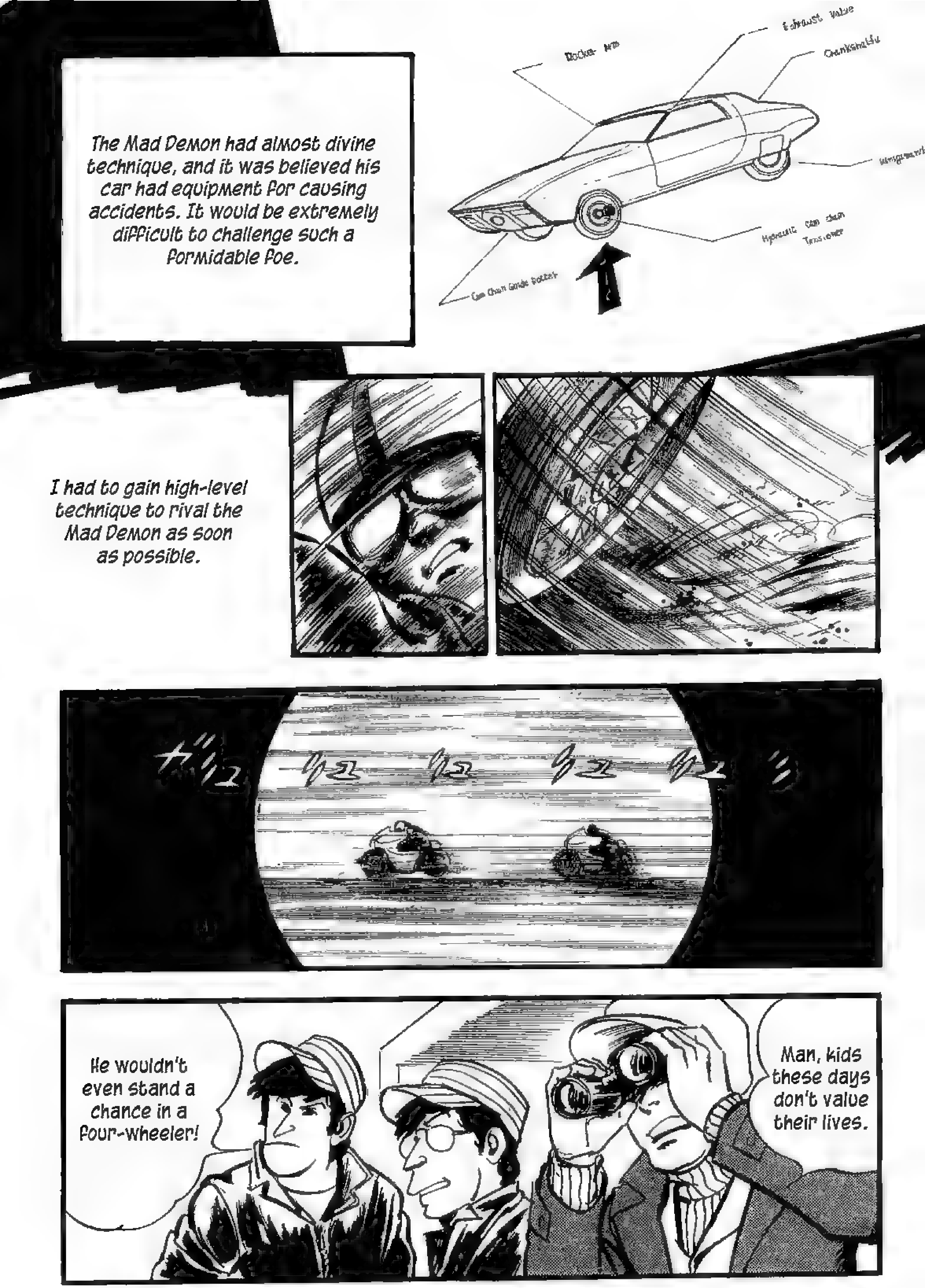
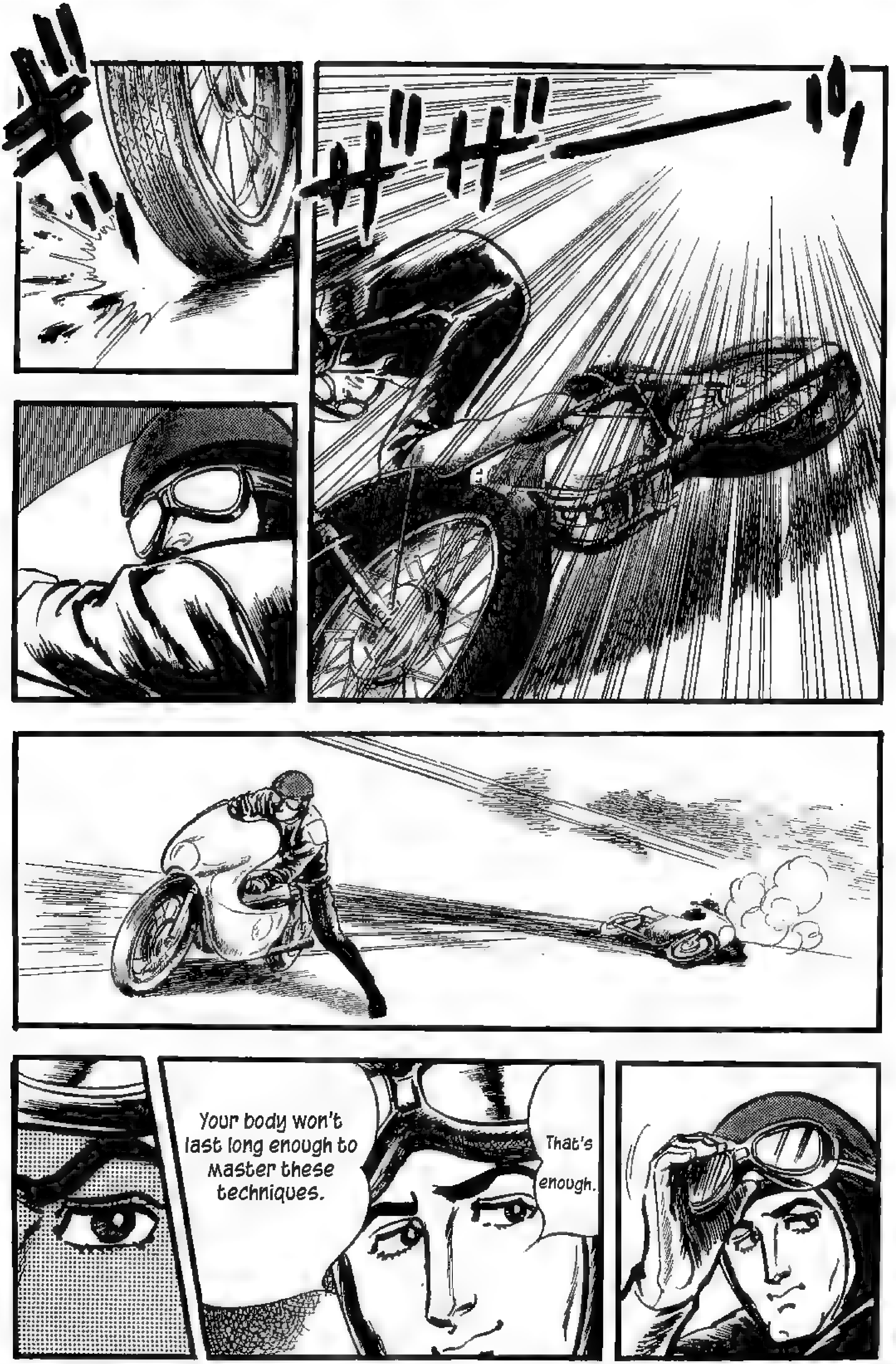

You're still shifting your center of gravity wrong when you brake!
If you do it right, you can make a hard turn even at 100k!
YES!
A few days ago, some television programmes did a tie-up with domestic car makers, and offered a bounty to find the Mad Demon.
I applied for it without any hesitation. I would capture the Mad Demon whatever it takes!
I passed several tests needed to qualify for the Mad Demon Patrol, and now I'm receiving instruction from top racer Taki Shogo.
This man was a well-known road racer.


The Mad Demon had almost divine technique, and it was believed his car had equipment for causing accidents. It would be extremely difficult to challenge such a formidable foe.
Rocker Arm
Exhaust Valve
Crankshaft
Hydraulic Cam Chain Tensioner
Cam Chain Guide Roller
I had to gain high-level technique to rival the Mad Demon as soon as possible.
He wouldn't even stand a chance in a four-wheeler!
Man, kids these days don't value their lives.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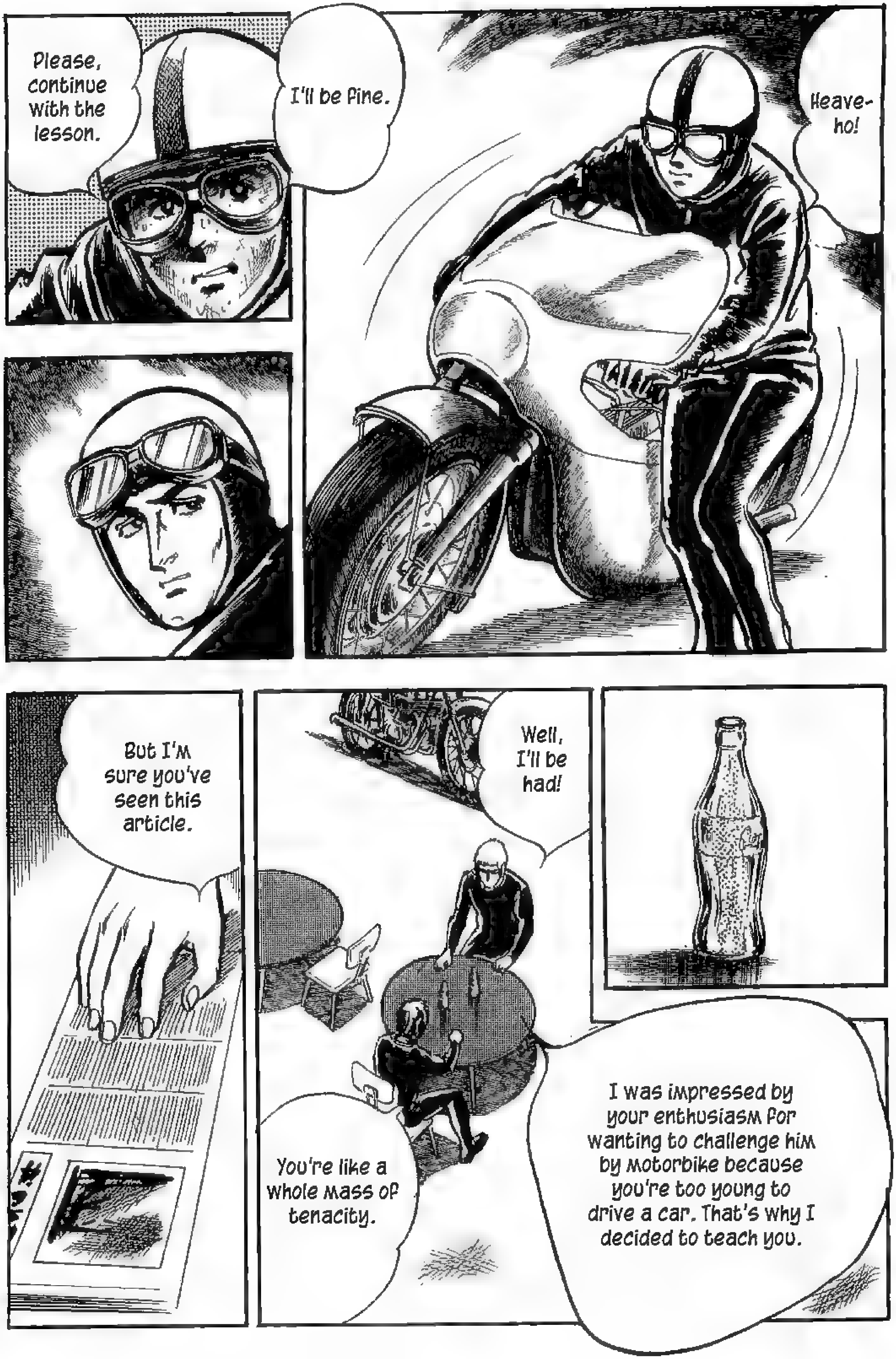
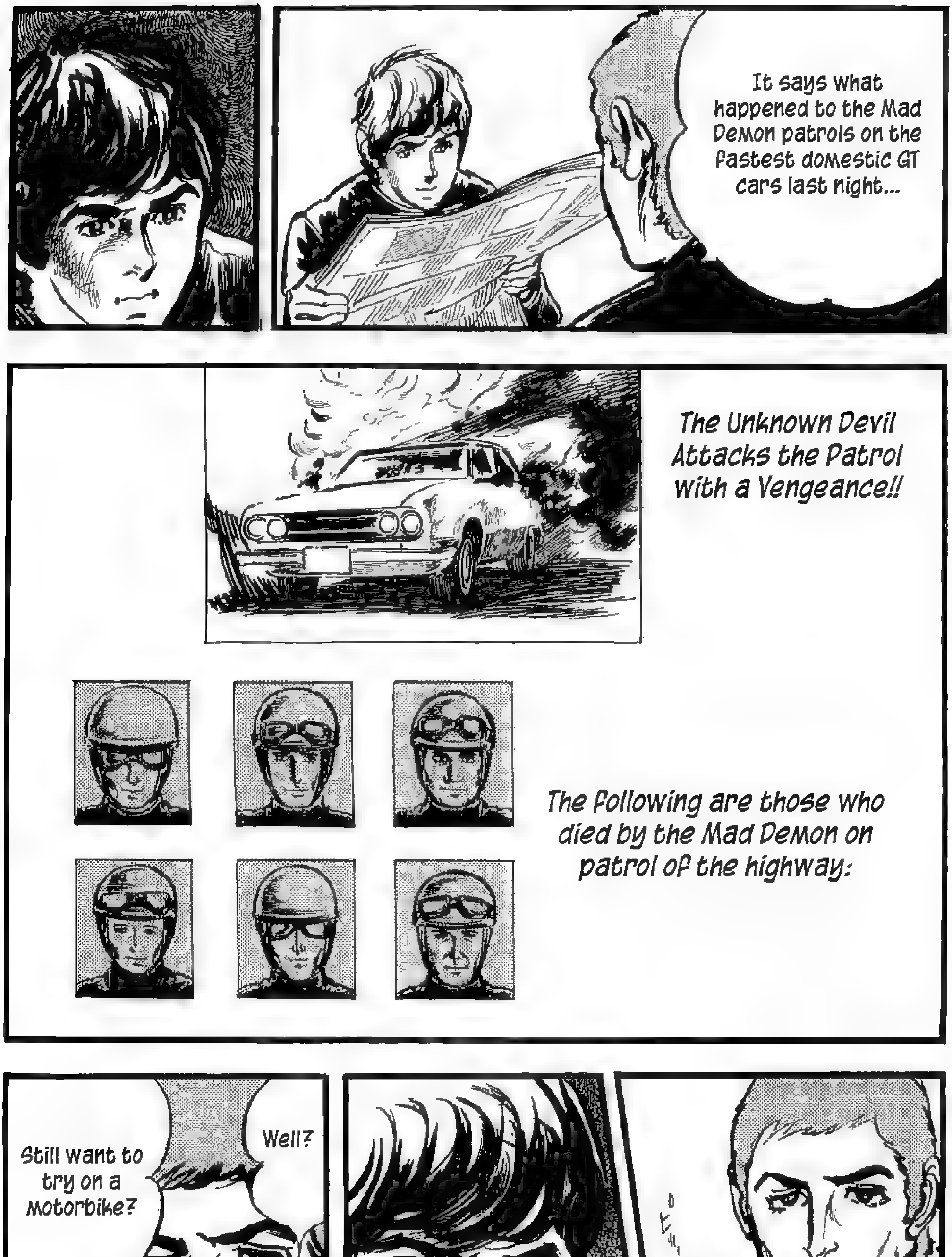
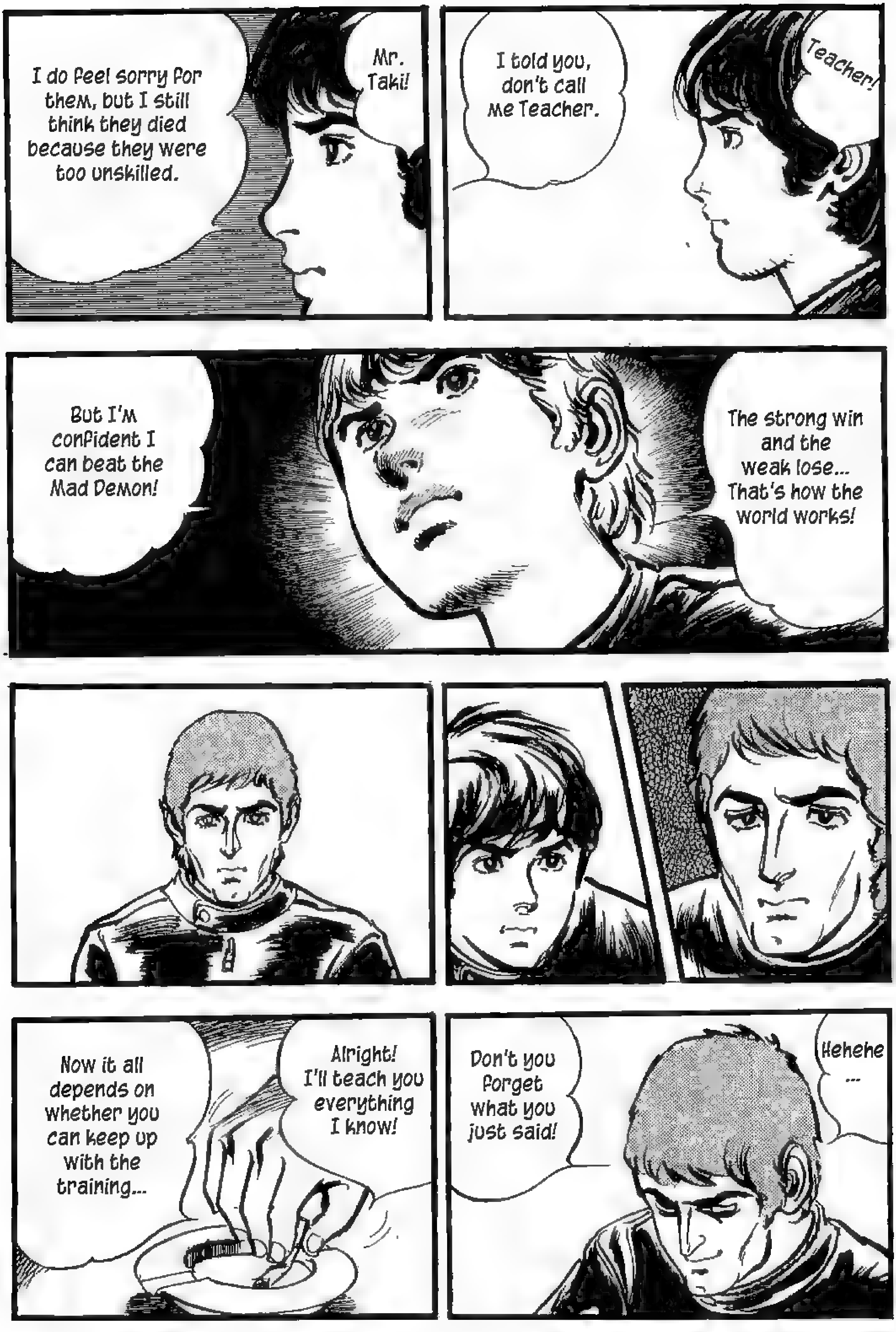
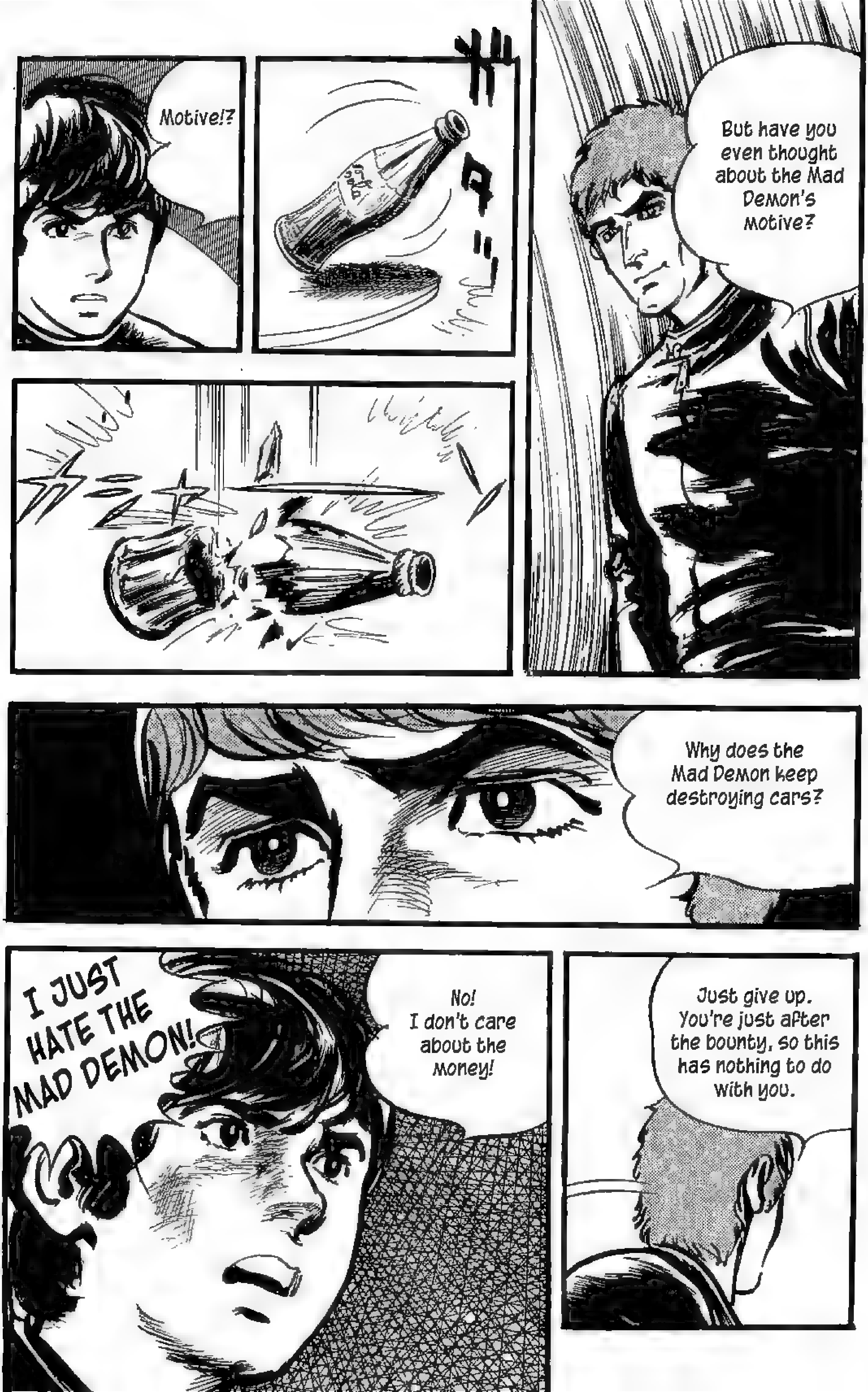
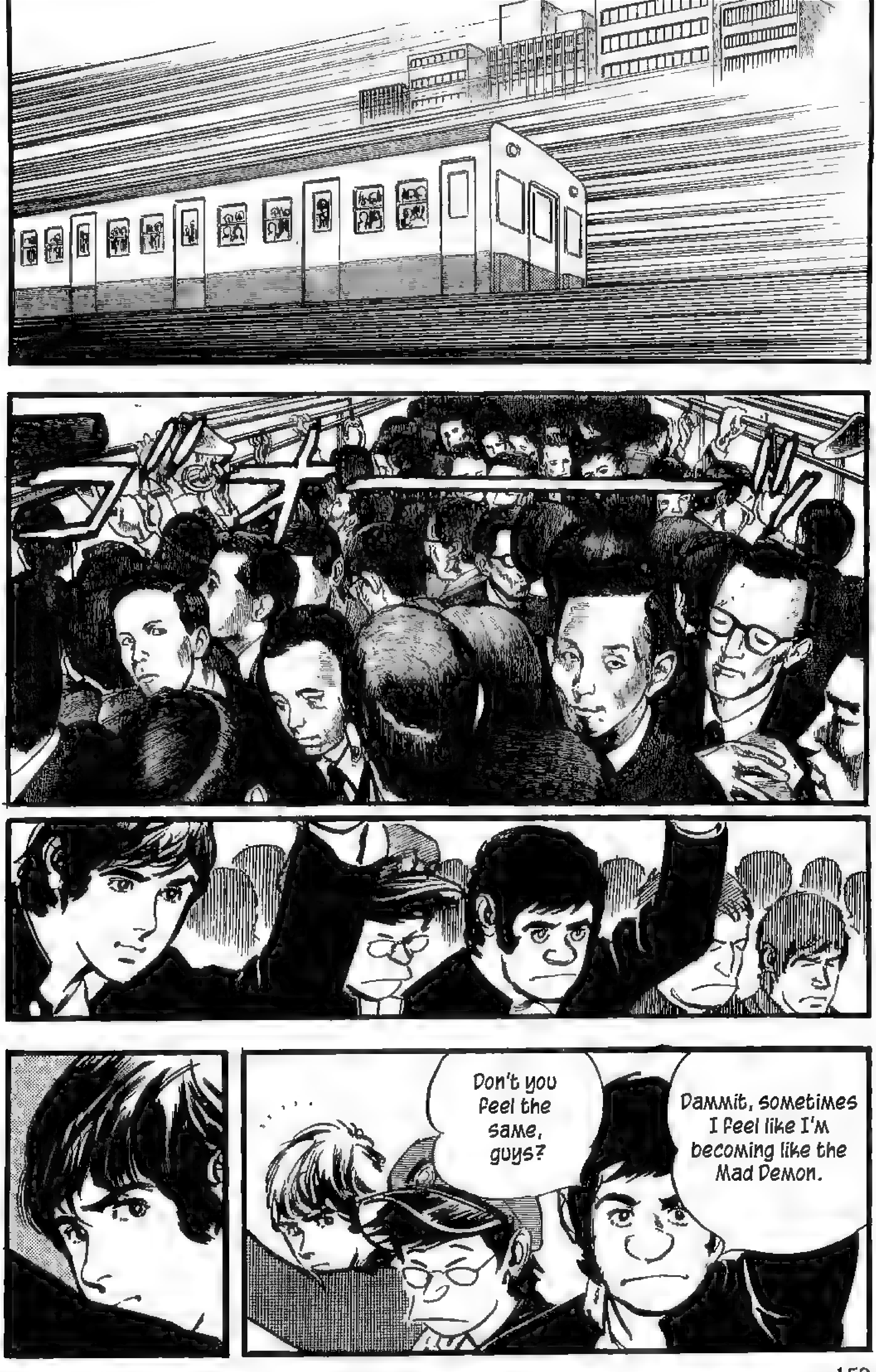
That's enough.
Your body won't last long enough to master these techniques.

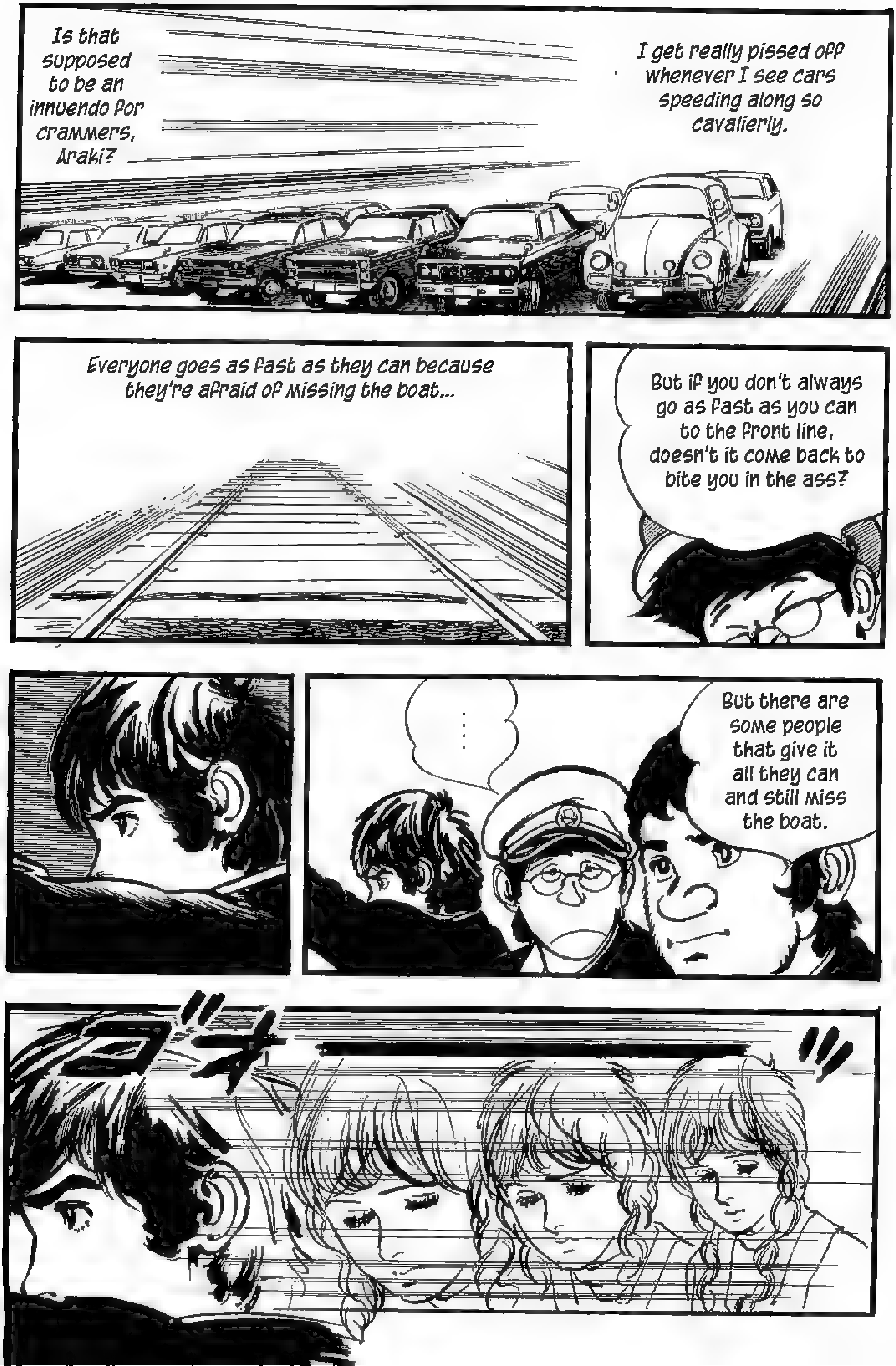

Please, continue with the lesson.
I'll be fine.
Heave-ho!
But I'm sure you've seen this article.
Well, I'll be had!
I was impressed by your enthusiasm for wanting to challenge him by motorbike because you're too young to drive a car. That's why I decided to teach you.
You're like a whole mass of tenacity.


It says what happened to the Mad Demon patrols on the fastest domestic GT cars last night...
The Unknown Devil Attacks the Patrol with a Vengeance!!
The following are those who died by the Mad Demon on patrol of the highway:
Still want to try on a Motorbike?
Well?


Teacher!
I told you, don't call me Teacher.
Mr. Taki!
I do feel sorry for them, but I still think they died because they were too unskilled.
The strong win and the weak lose... That's how the world works!
But I'm confident I can beat the Mad Demon!
Hehehe ...
Don't you forget what you just said!
Alright! I'll teach you everything I know!
Now it all depends on whether you can keep up with the training...


But have you even thought about the Mad Demon's motive?
Motive!?
Why does the Mad Demon keep destroying cars?
Just give up. You're just after the bounty, so this has nothing to do with you.
No! I don't care about the money!
I JUST HATE THE MAD DEMON!


Dammit, sometimes I feel like I'm becoming like the Mad Demon.
Don't you feel the same, guys?


I get really pissed off whenever I see cars speeding along so cavalierly.
Is that supposed to be an innuendo for crammers, Araki?
Everyone goes as fast as they can because they're afraid of missing the boat...
But if you don't always go as fast as you can to the front line, doesn't it come back to bite you in the ass?
....
But there are some people that give it all they can and still miss the boat.
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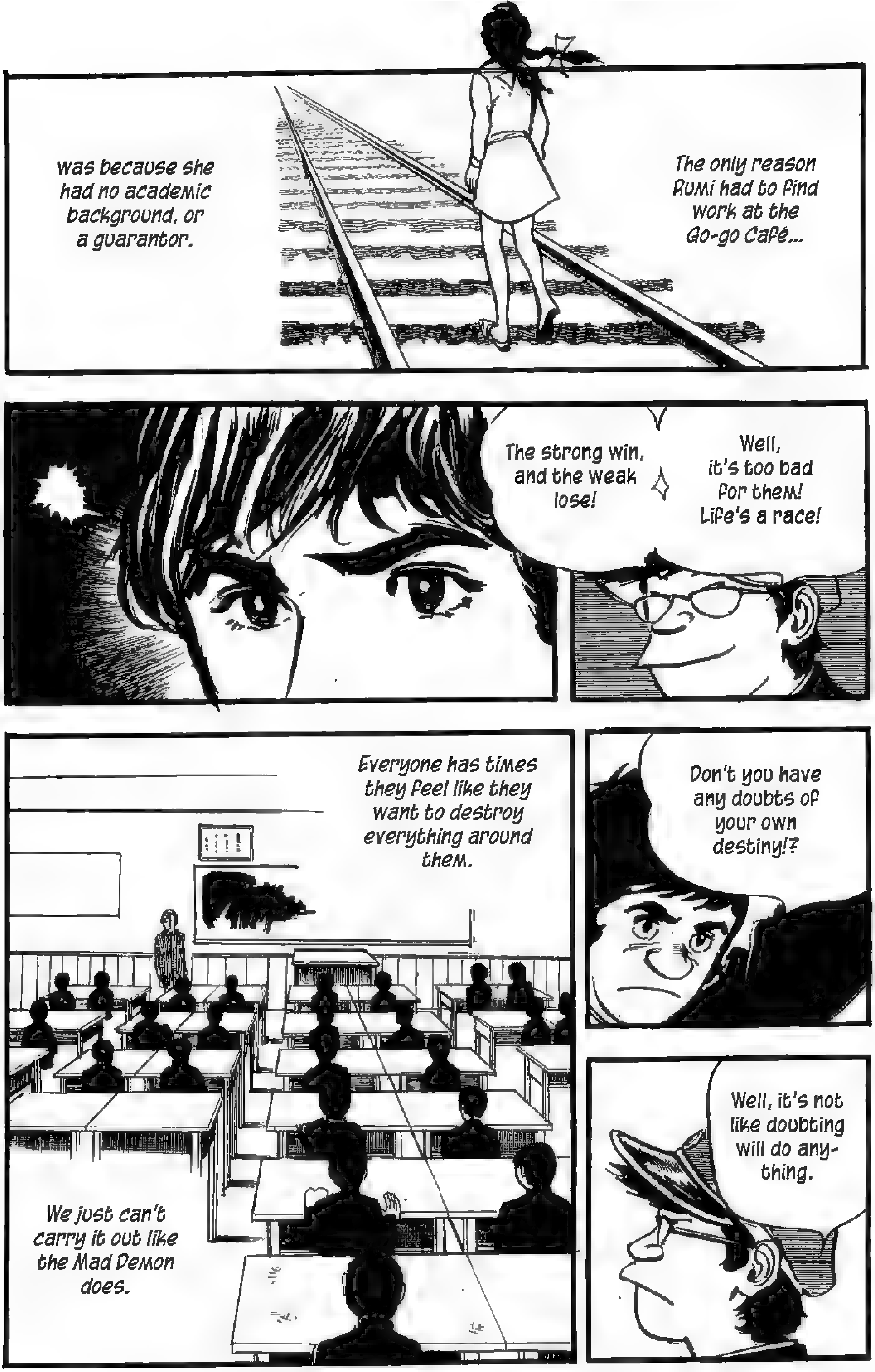
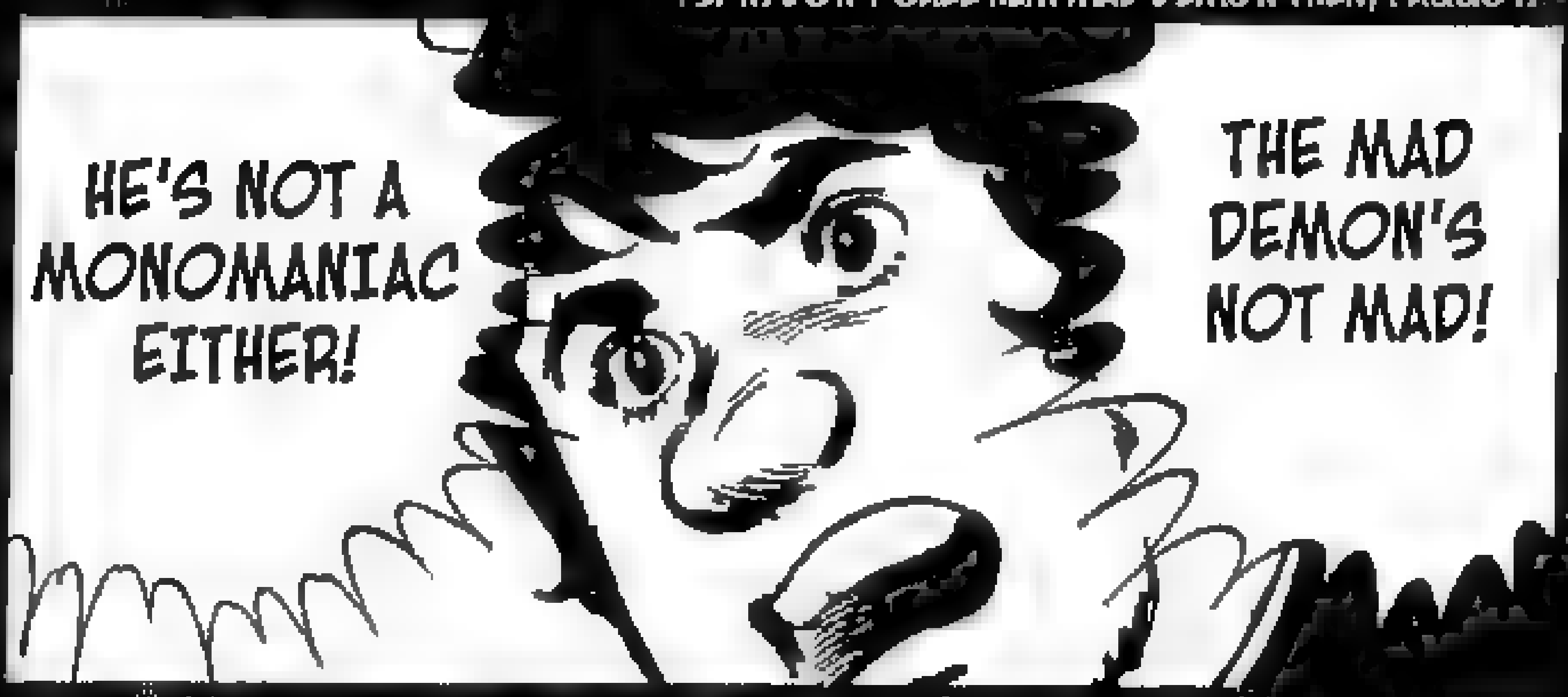
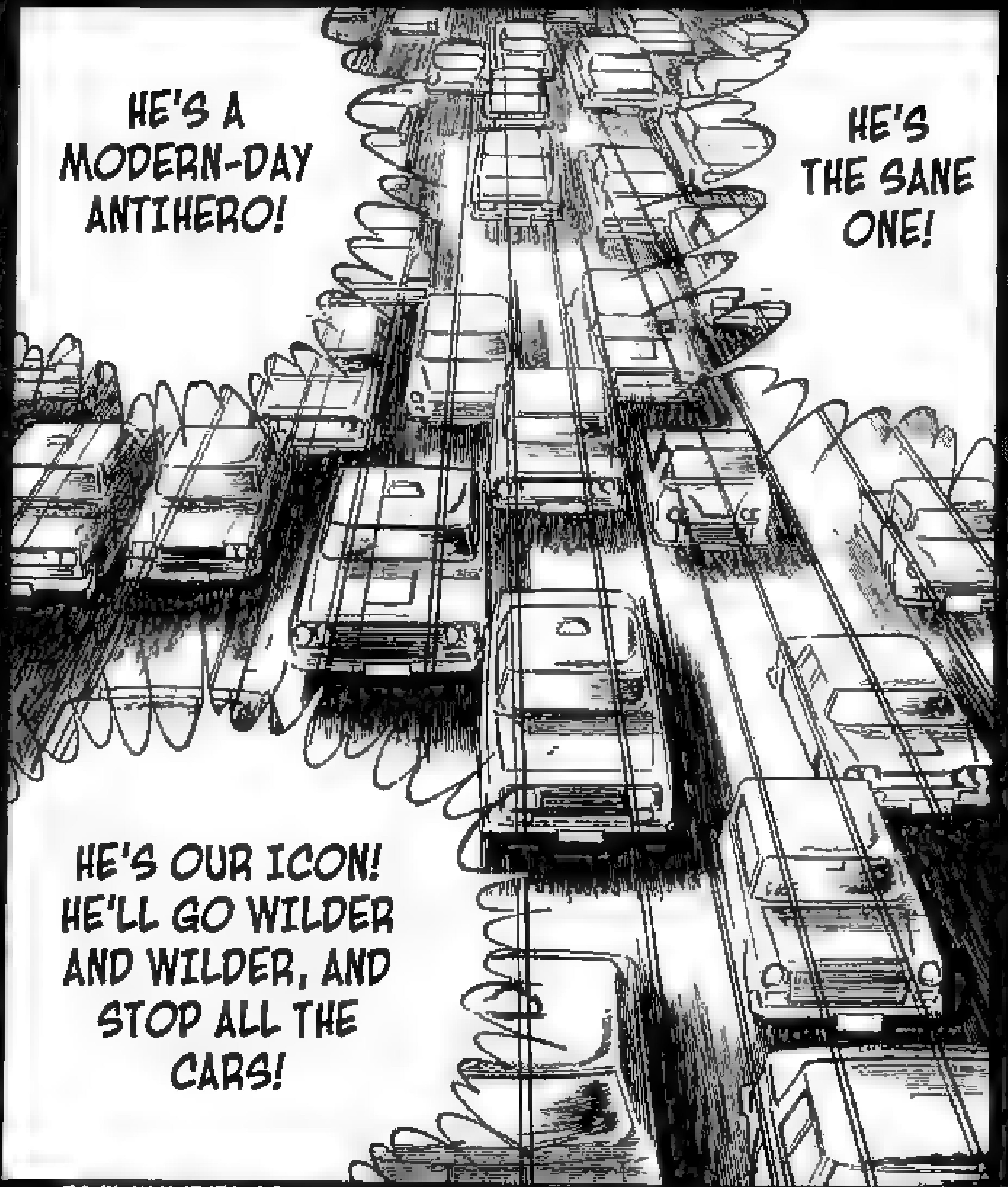
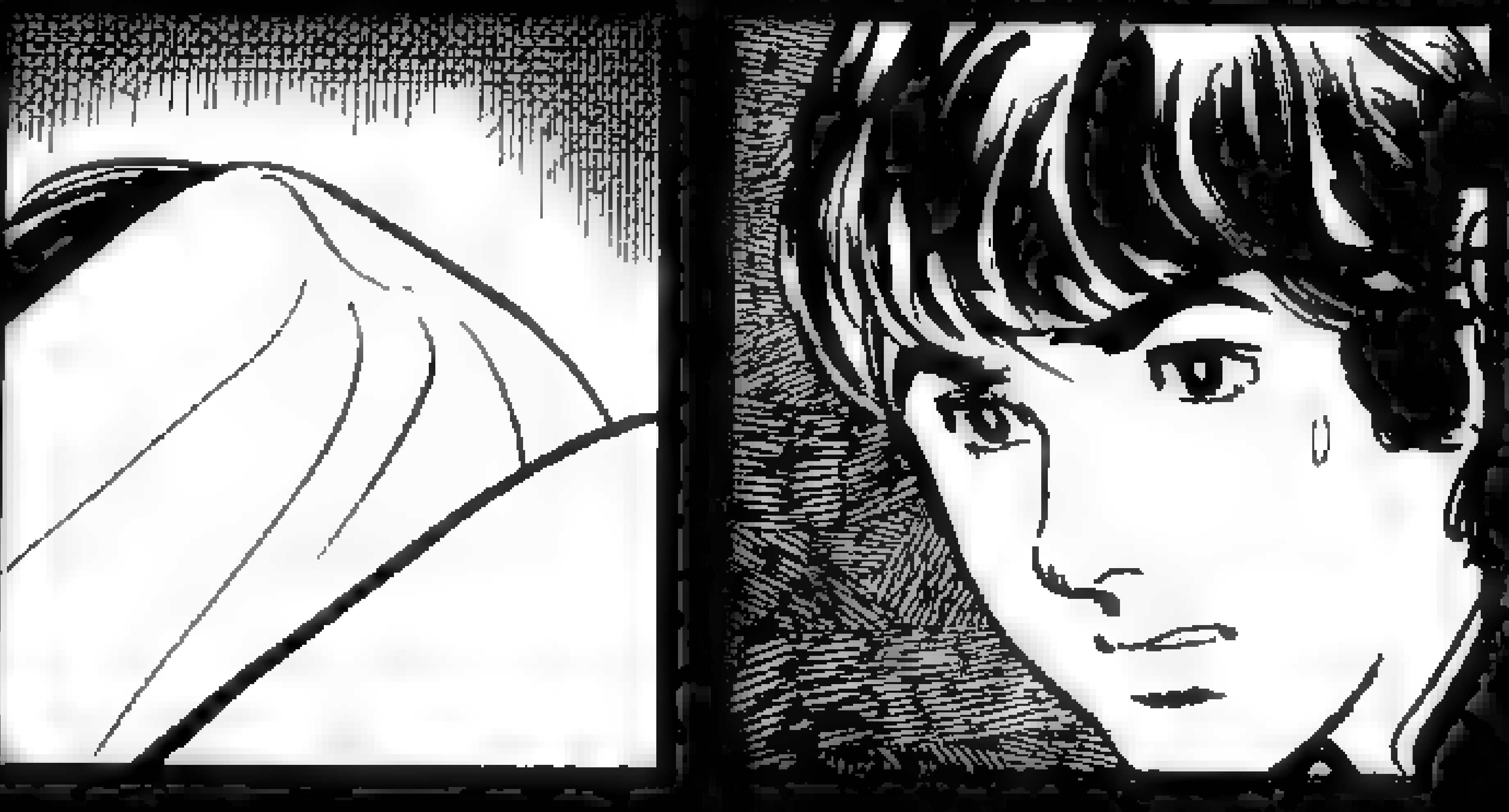

The only reason Rumi had to find work at the Go-go Café...
was because she had no academic background, or a guarantor.
Well, it's too bad for them! Life's a race!
The strong win, and the weak lose!
Don't you have any doubts of your own destiny!?
Well, it's not like doubting will do anything.
Everyone has times they feel like they want to destroy everything around them.
We just can't carry it out like the Mad Demon does.

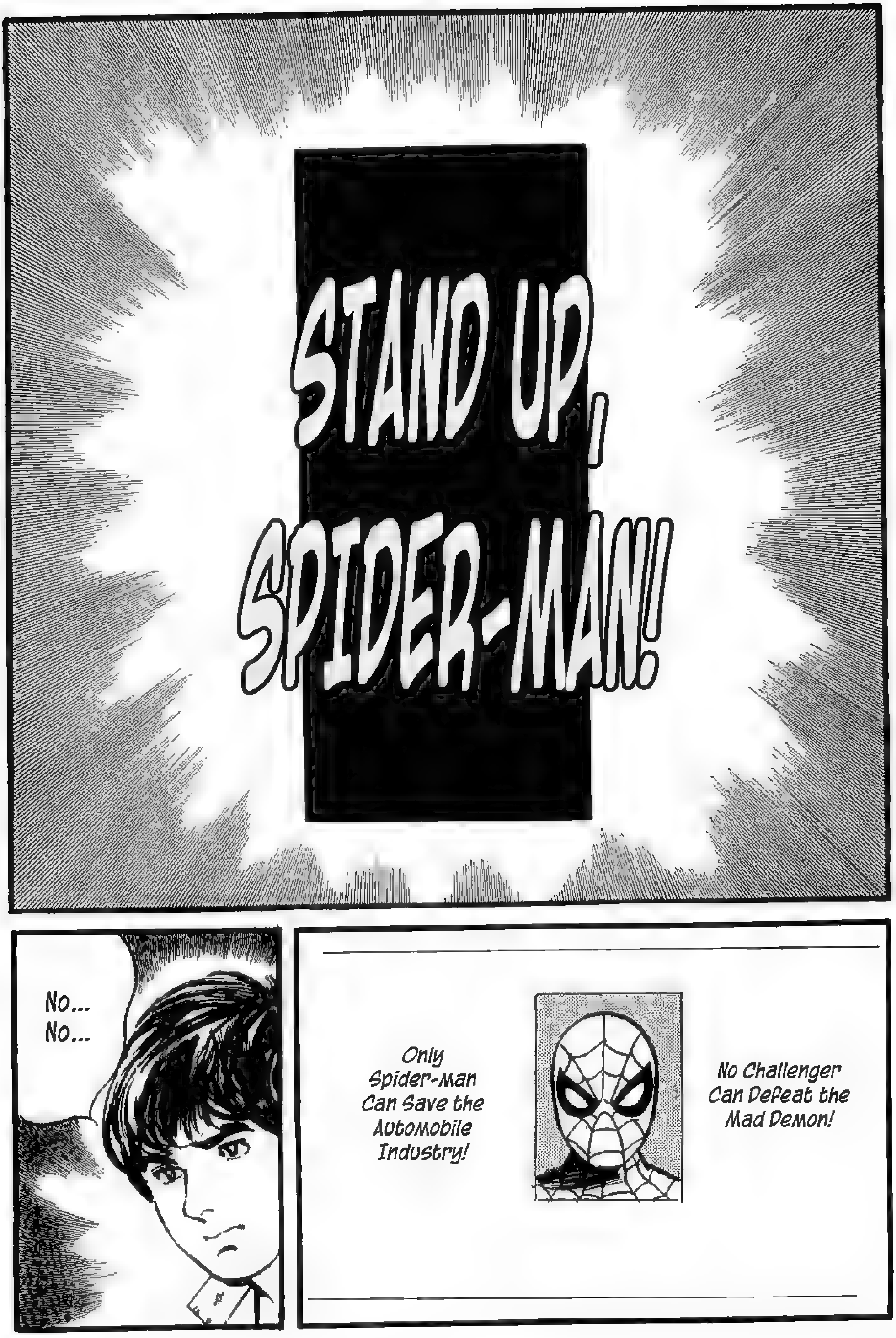
TS/N: DON'T CALL HIM MAD DEMON THEN, FAGGOT!

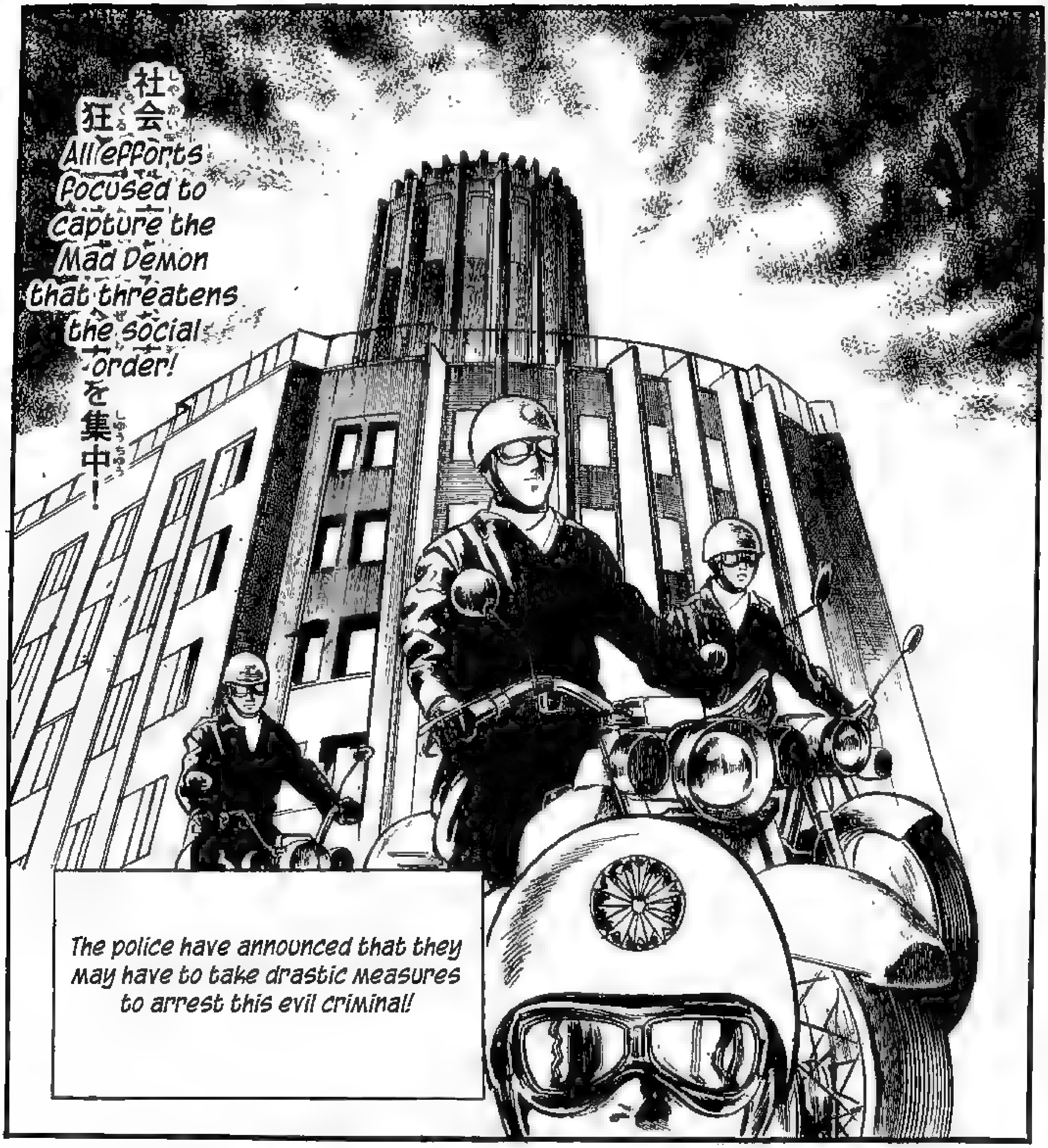

THE MAD DEMON'S NOT MAD!
HE'S NOT A MONOMANIAC EITHER!


HE'S THE SANE ONE!
HE'S A MODERN-DAY ANTIHERO!
HE'S OUR ICON! HE'LL GO WILDER AND WILDER, AND STOP ALL THE CARS!

TS/N: WHATEVER GOOD DOES STOPPING ALL THE CARS EVER DO TO US, FAGGOT!!




STAND UP, SPIDER-MAN!
No Challenger Can Defeat the Mad Demon!
Only Spider-Man Can Save the Automobile Industry!
No... No...


社会
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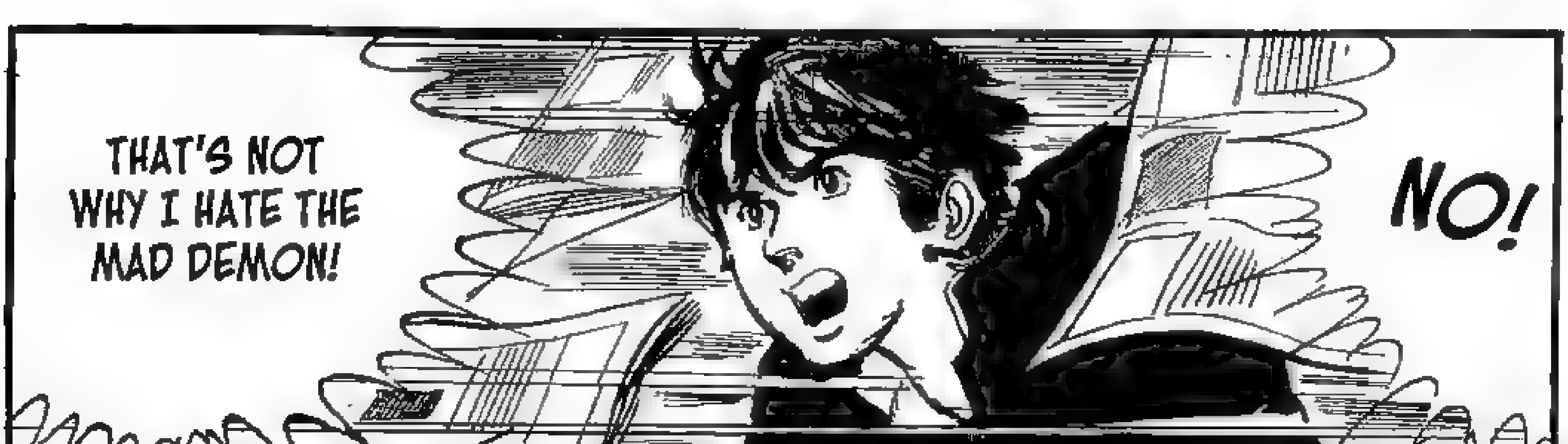
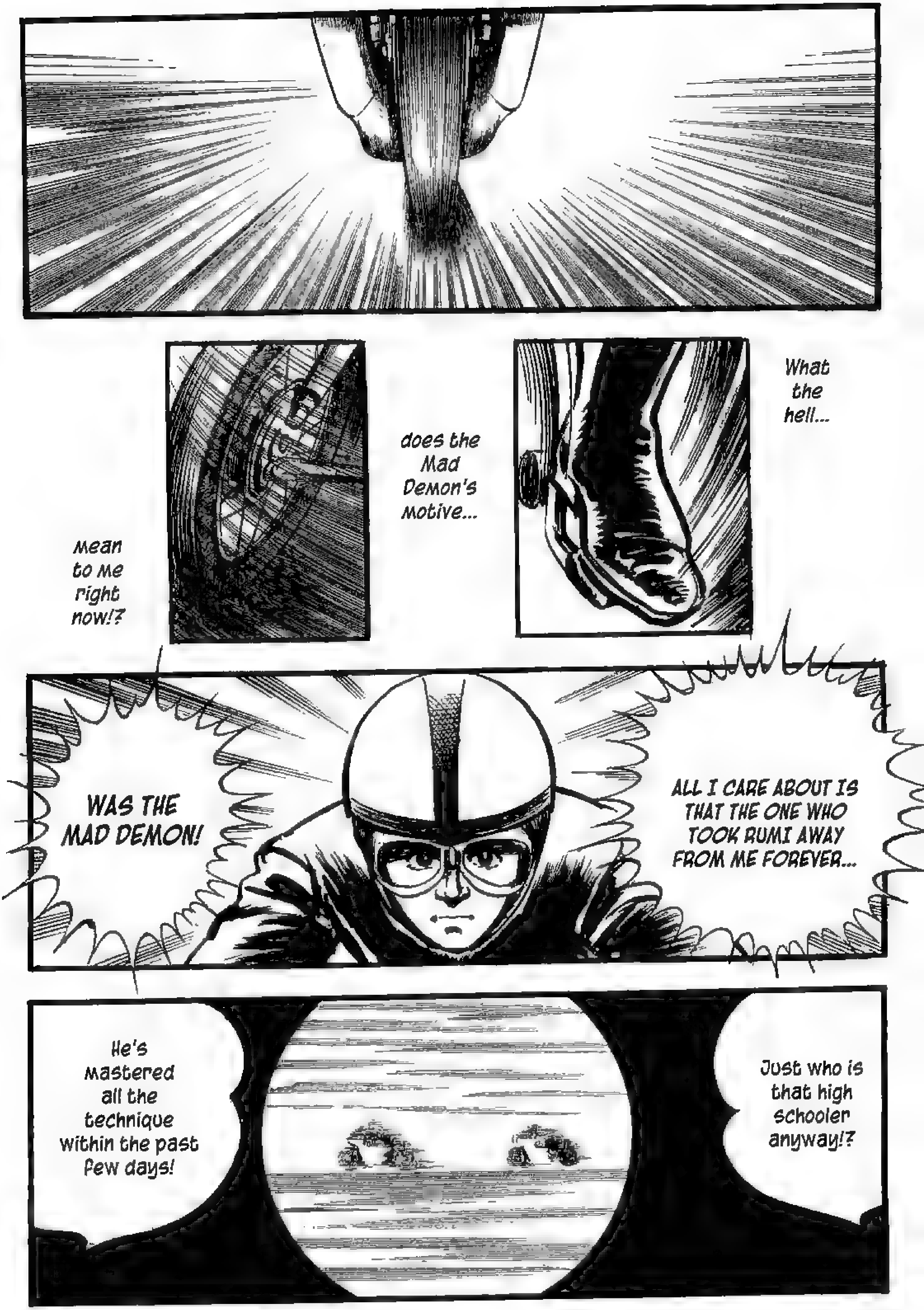
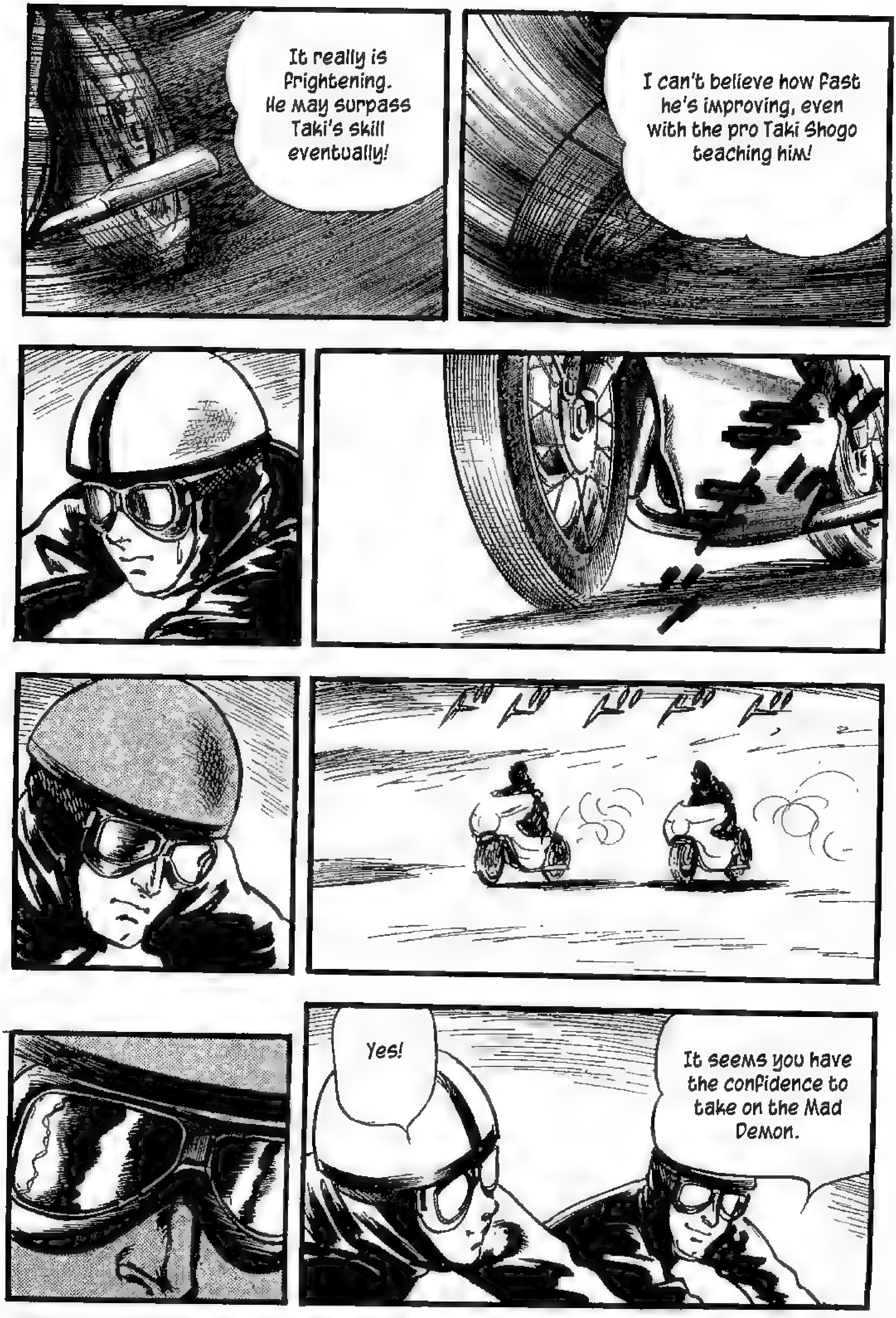
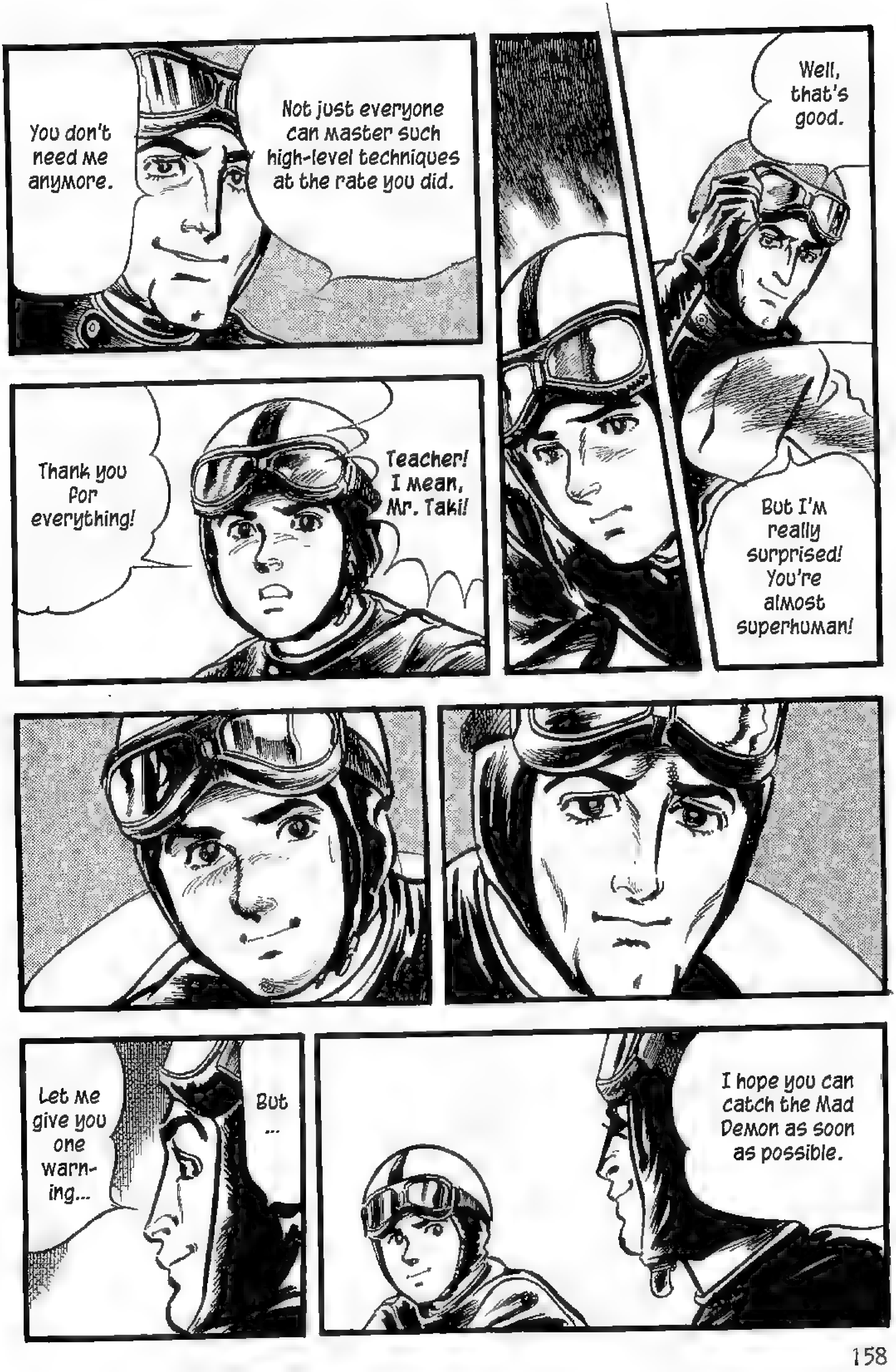
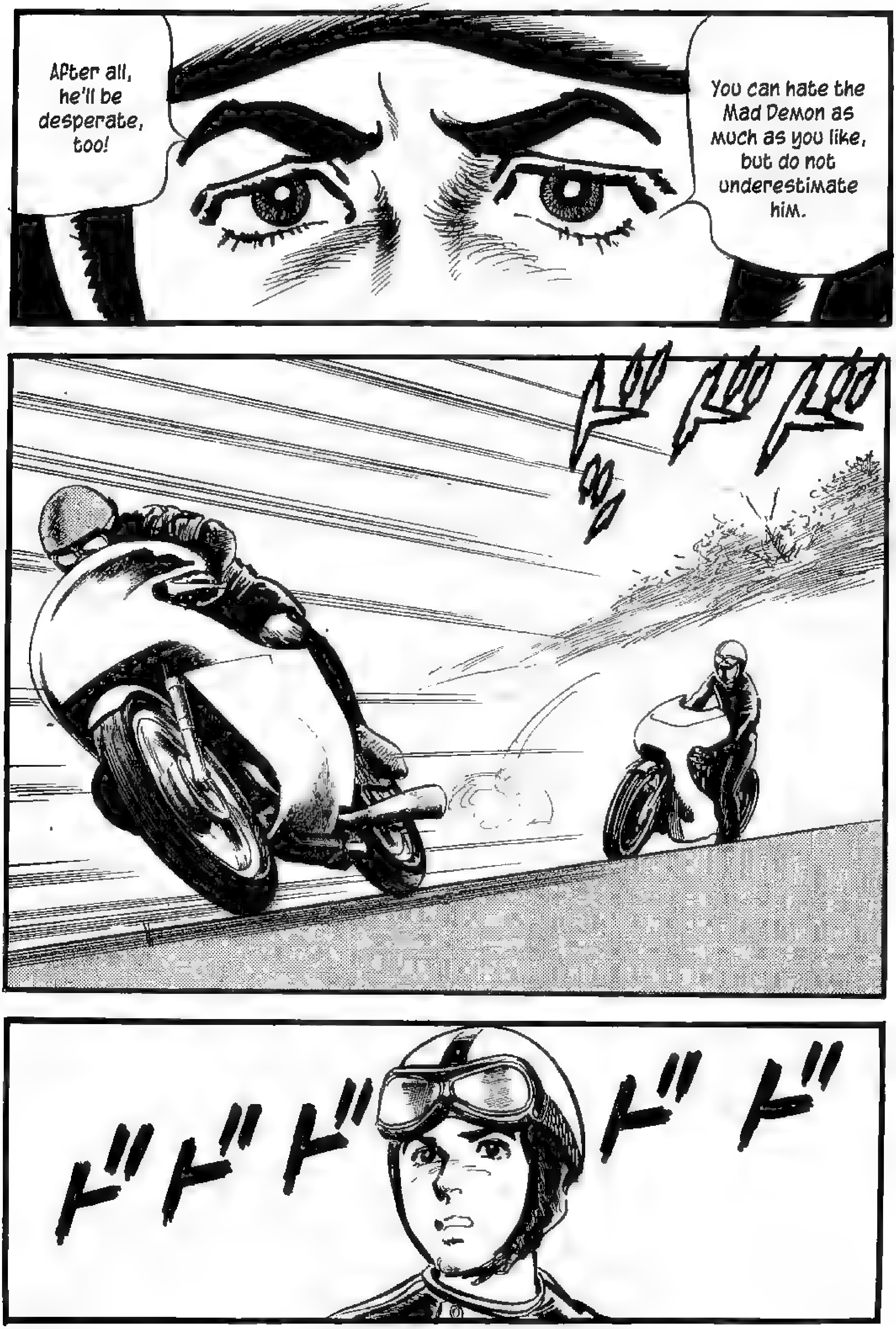
All efforts focused to capture the Mad Demon that threatens the social order!
を集中！
The police have announced that they may have to take drastic measures to arrest this evil criminal!


NO!
THAT'S NOT WHY I HATE THE MAD DEMON!


What the hell...
does the Mad Demon's motive...
Mean to me right now!?
ALL I CARE ABOUT IS THAT THE ONE WHO TOOK RUMI AWAY FROM ME FOREVER...
WAS THE MAD DEMON!
Just who is that high schooler anyway!?
He's mastered all the technique within the past few days!


I can't believe how fast he's improving, even with the pro Taki Shogo teaching him!
It really is frightening. He may surpass Taki's skill eventually!
It seems you have the confidence to take on the Mad Demon.
Yes!


Well, that's good.
Not just everyone can master such high-level techniques at the rate you did.
You don't need me anymore.
But I'm really surprised! You're almost superhuman!
Teacher! I mean, Mr. Taki!
Thank you for everything!
I hope you can catch the Mad Demon as soon as possible.
But ...
Let me give you one warning...


You can hate the Mad Demon as much as you like, but do not underestimate him.
After all, he'll be desperate, too!
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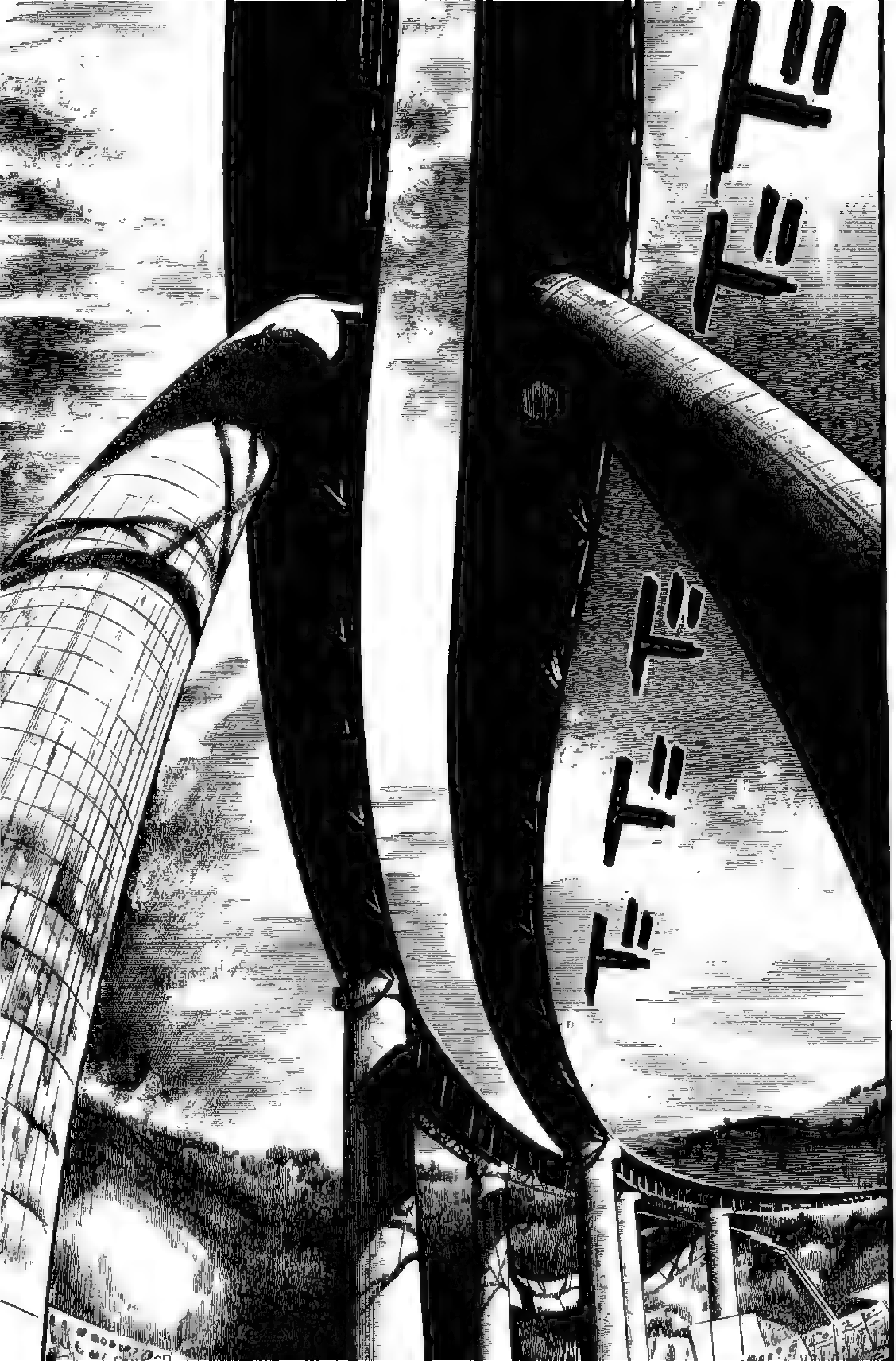
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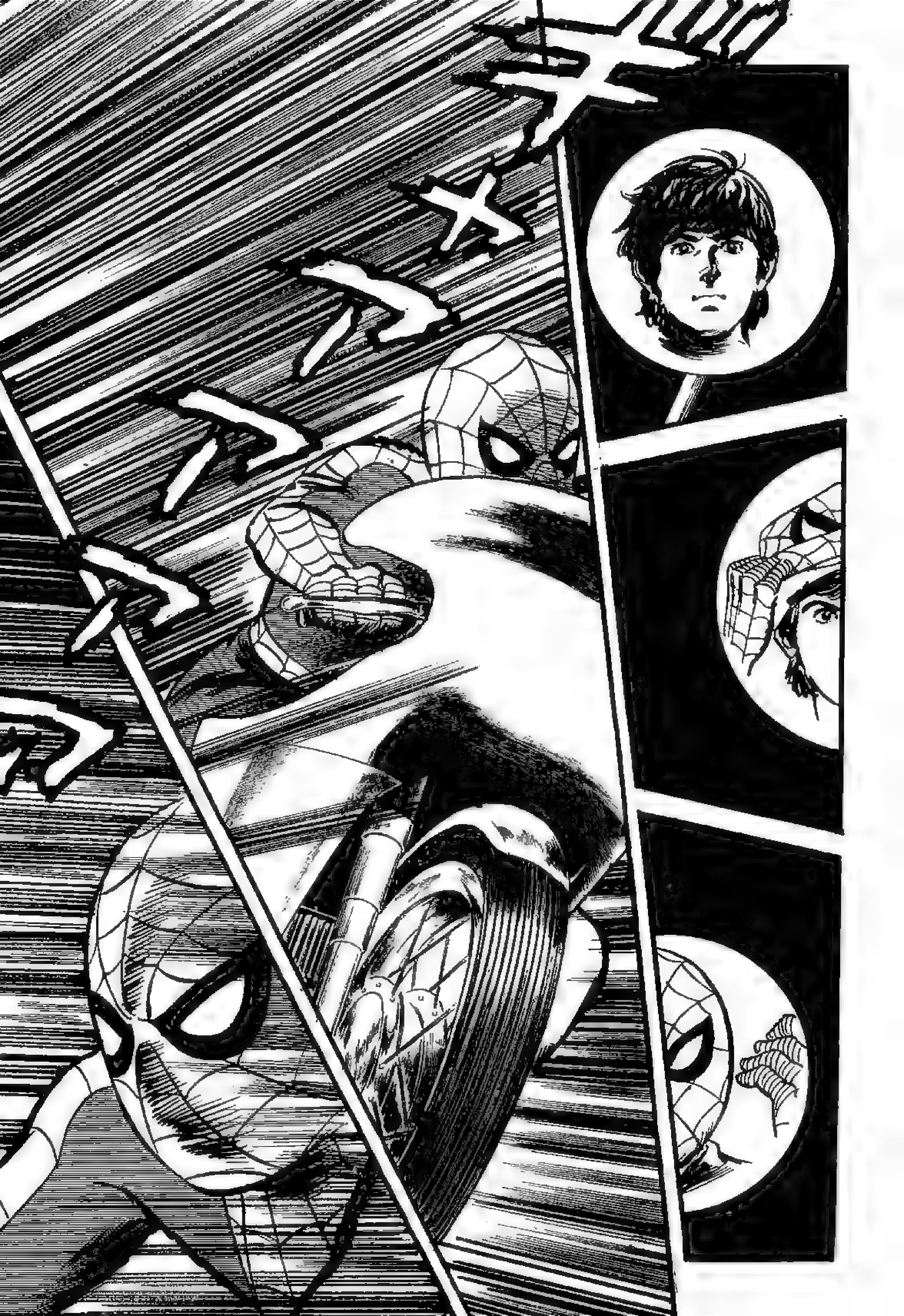
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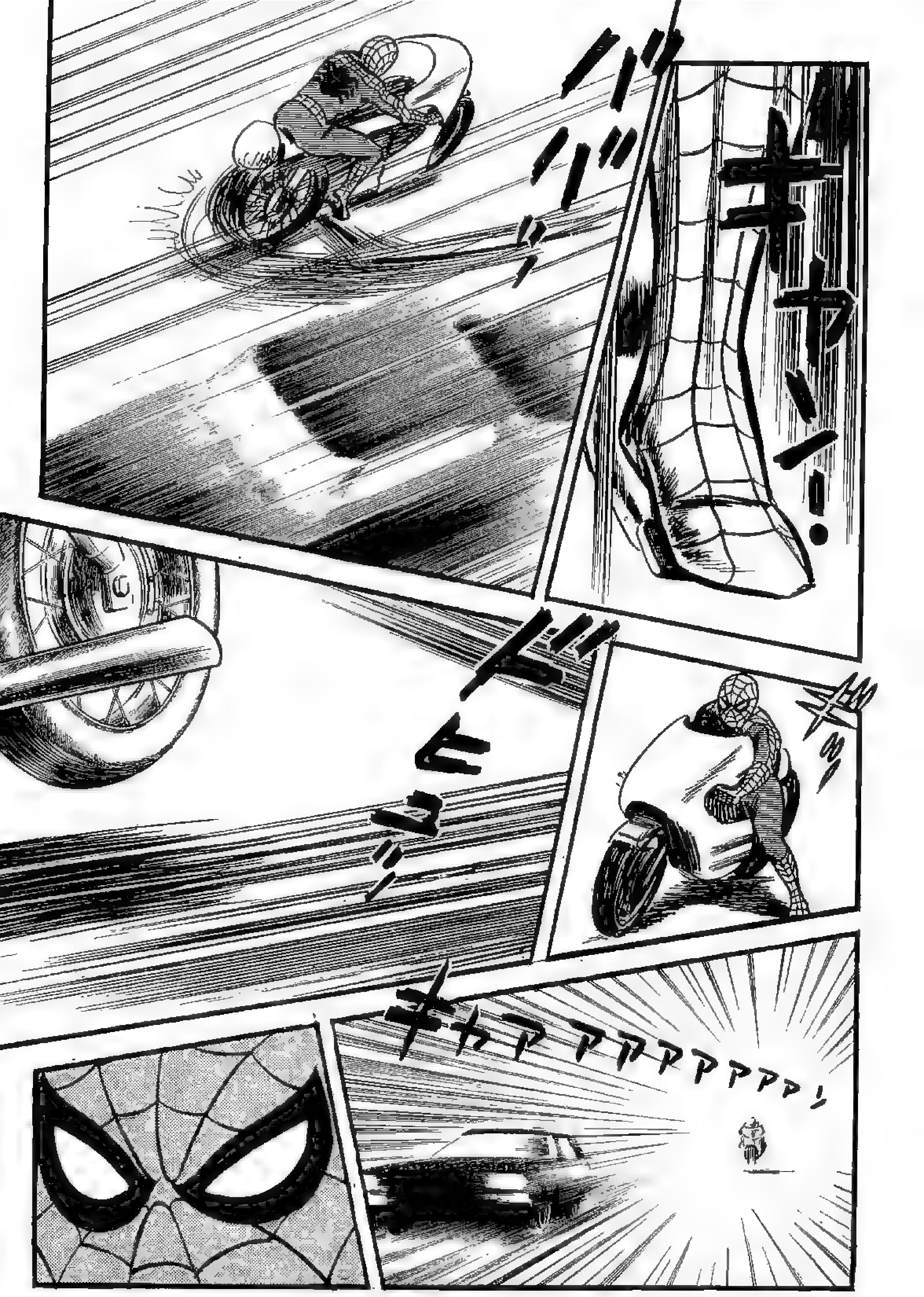
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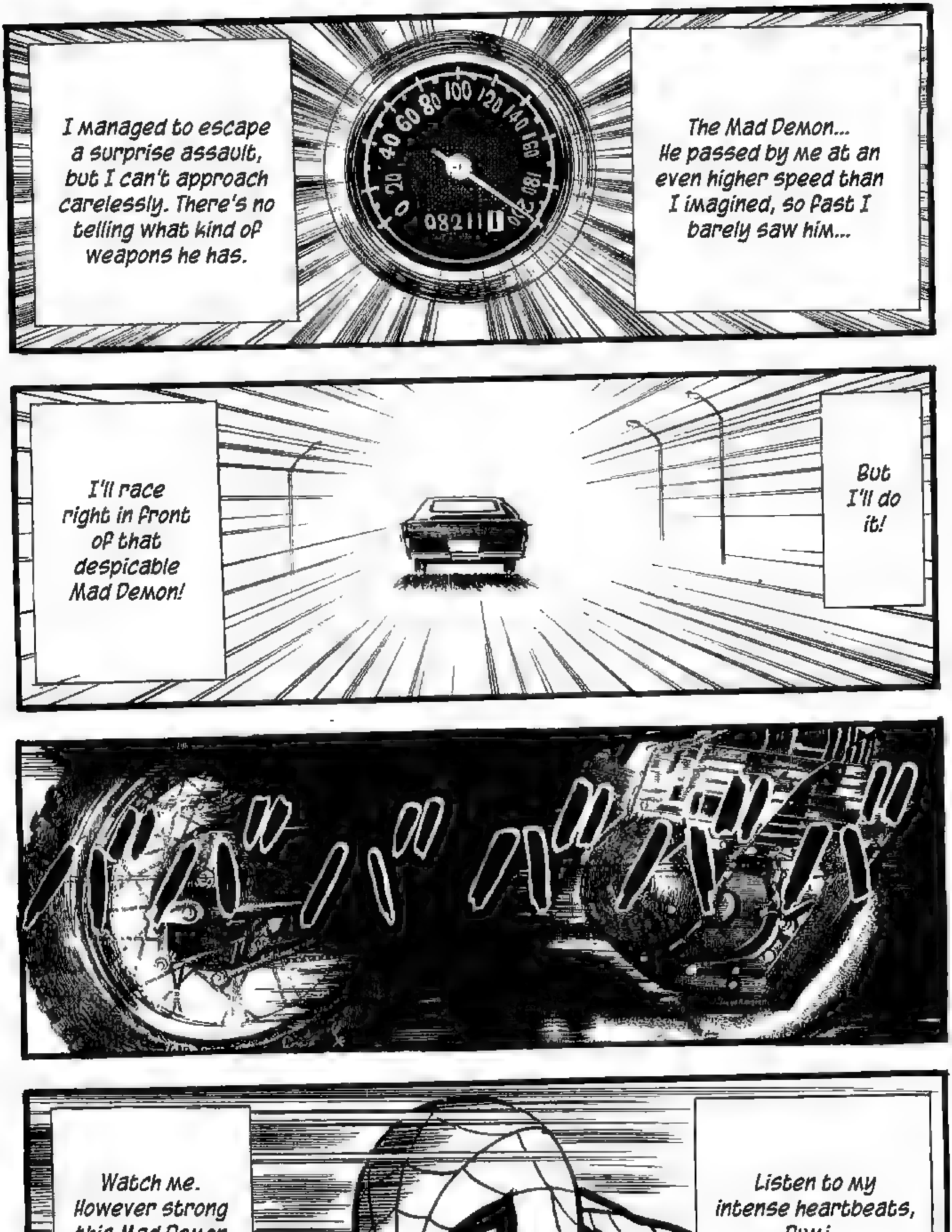
I managed to escape a surprise assault, but I can't approach carelessly. There's no telling what kind of weapons he has.
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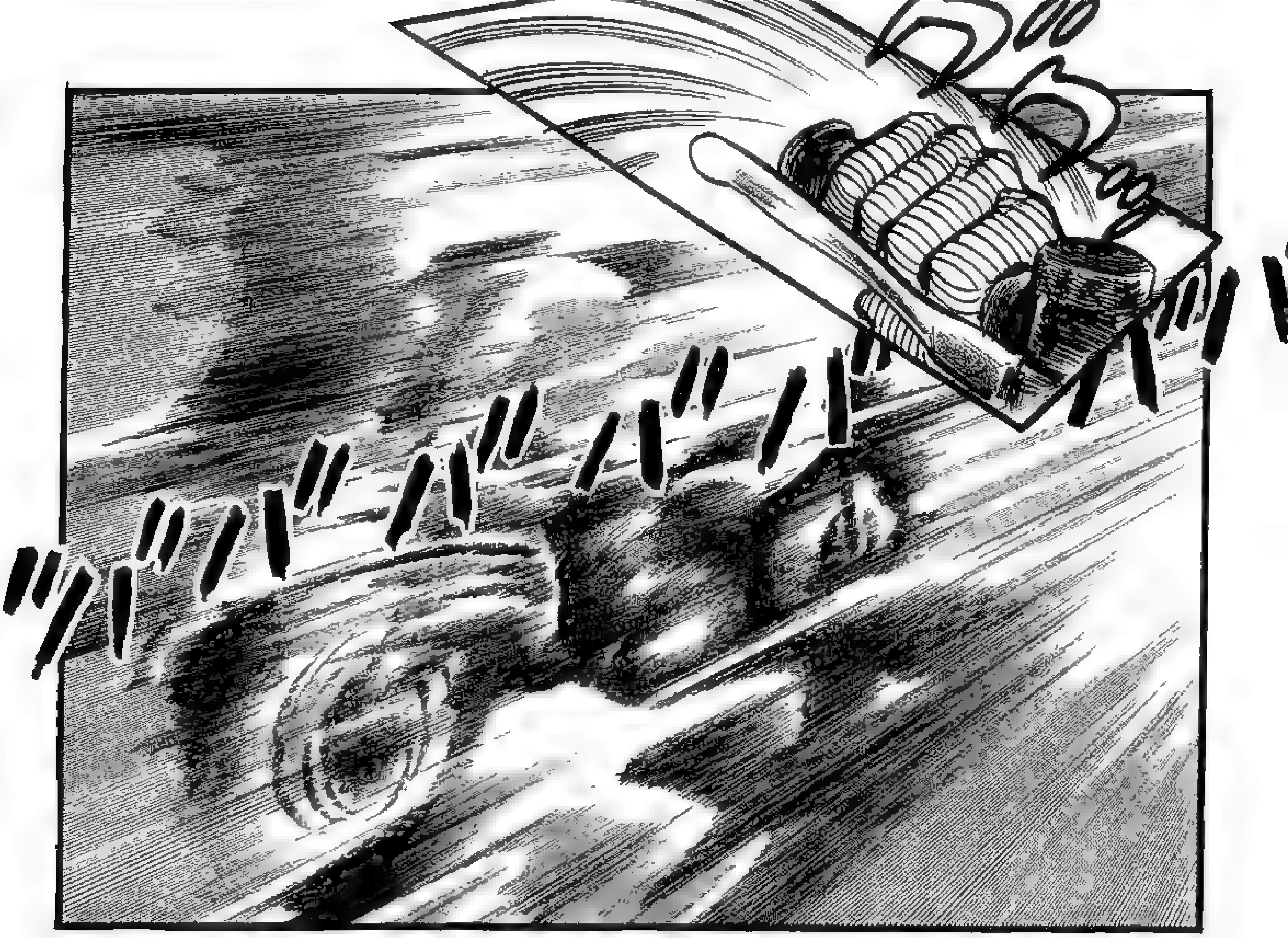
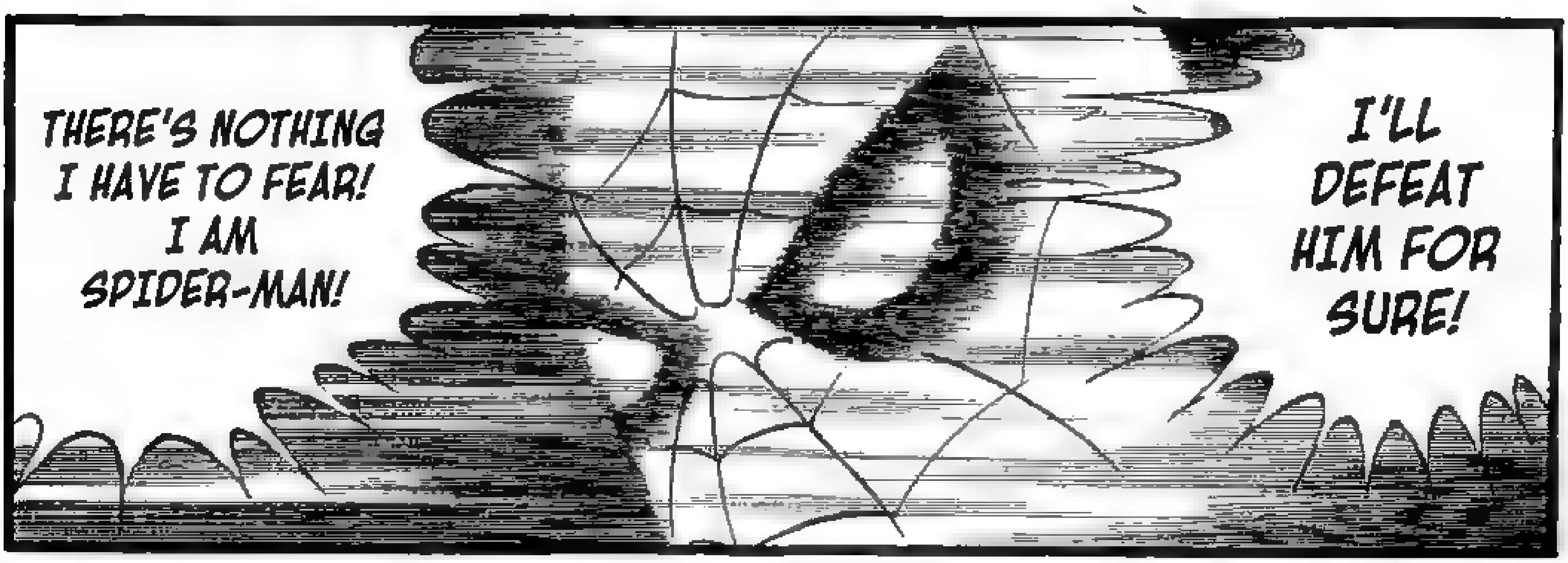
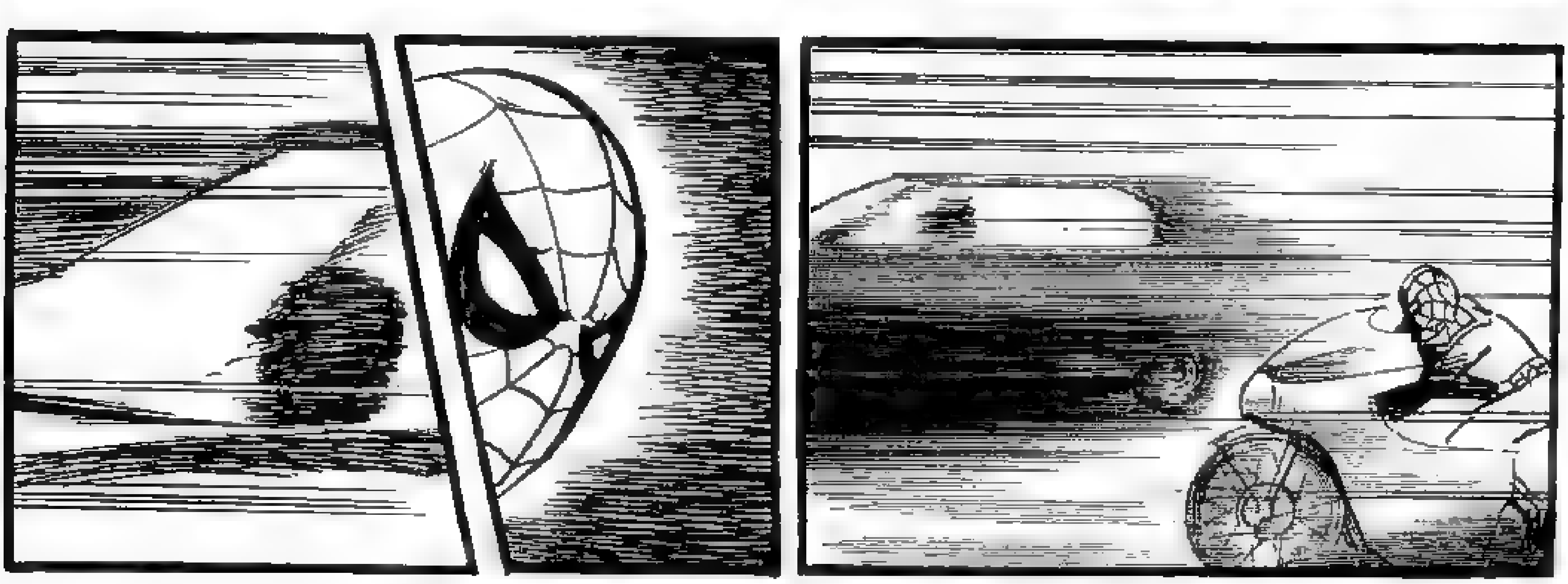
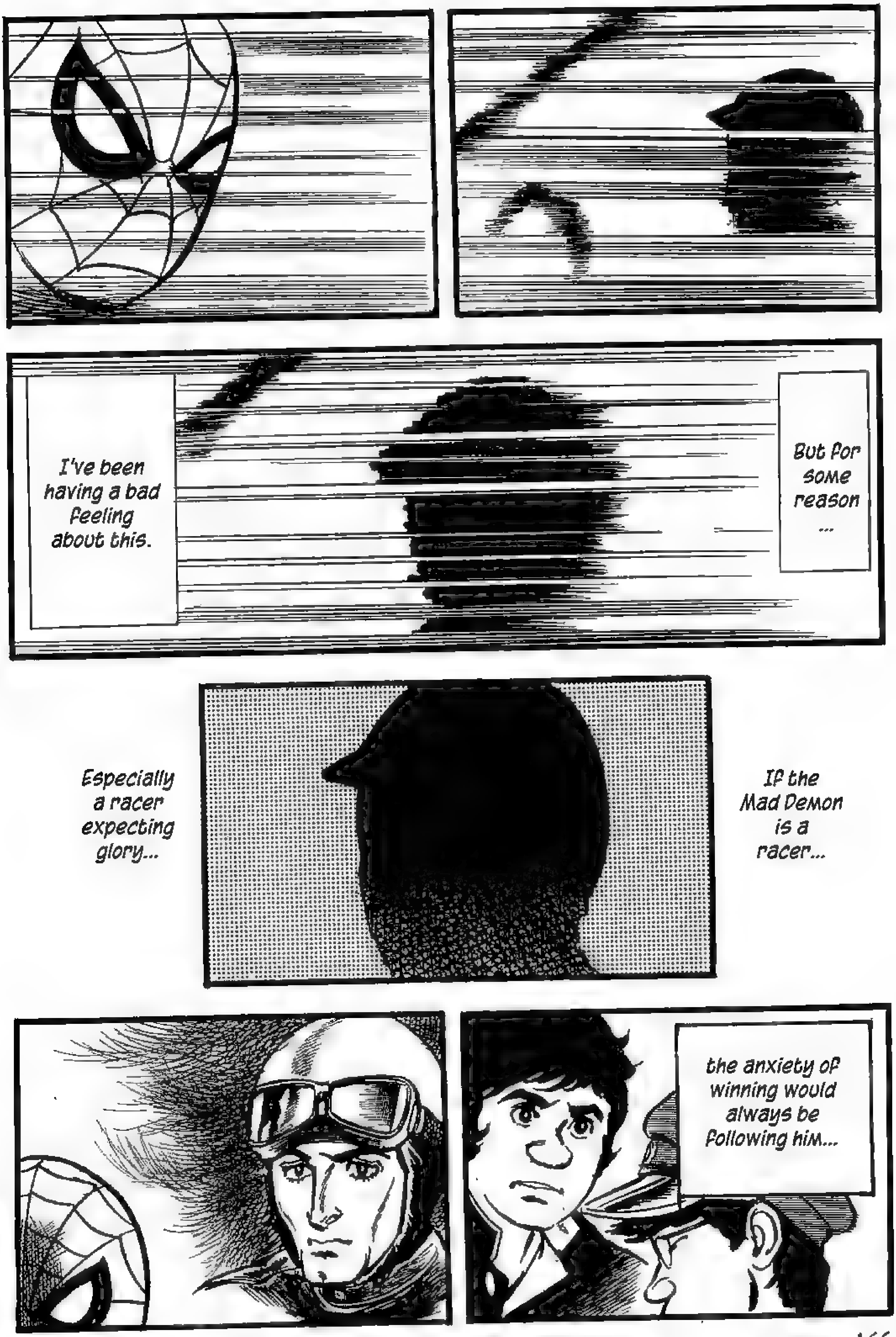
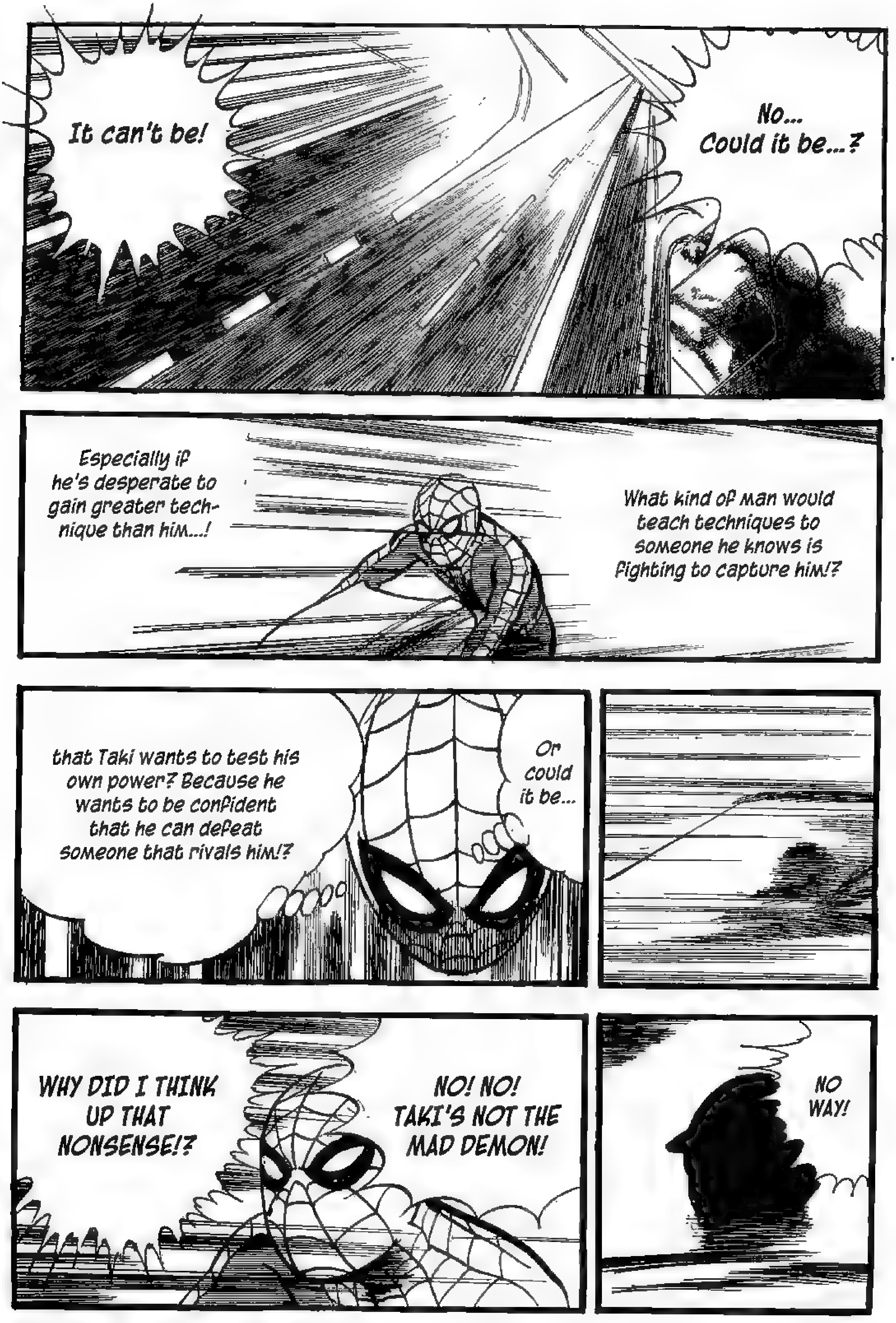
The Mad Demon... He passed by me at an even higher speed than I imagined, so fast I barely saw him...
I'll race right in front of that despicable Mad Demon!
But I'll do it!
Watch me. However strong this Mad Demon is...
Listen to my intense heartbeats, Rumi...




I'LL DEFEAT HIM FOR SURE!
THERE'S NOTHING I HAVE TO FEAR! I AM SPIDER-MAN!




I've been having a bad feeling about this.
But for some reason ...
If the Mad Demon is a racer...
Especially a racer expecting glory...
the anxiety of winning would always be following him...


No...
Could it be...?
It can't be!
What kind of man would teach techniques to someone he knows is fighting to capture him!?
Especially if he's desperate to gain greater technique than him...!
Or could it be...
that Taki wants to test his own power? Because he wants to be confident that he can defeat someone that rivals him!?
NO WAY!
NO! NO! TAKI'S NOT THE MAD DEMON!
WHY DID I THINK UP THAT NONSENSE!?

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Huh?
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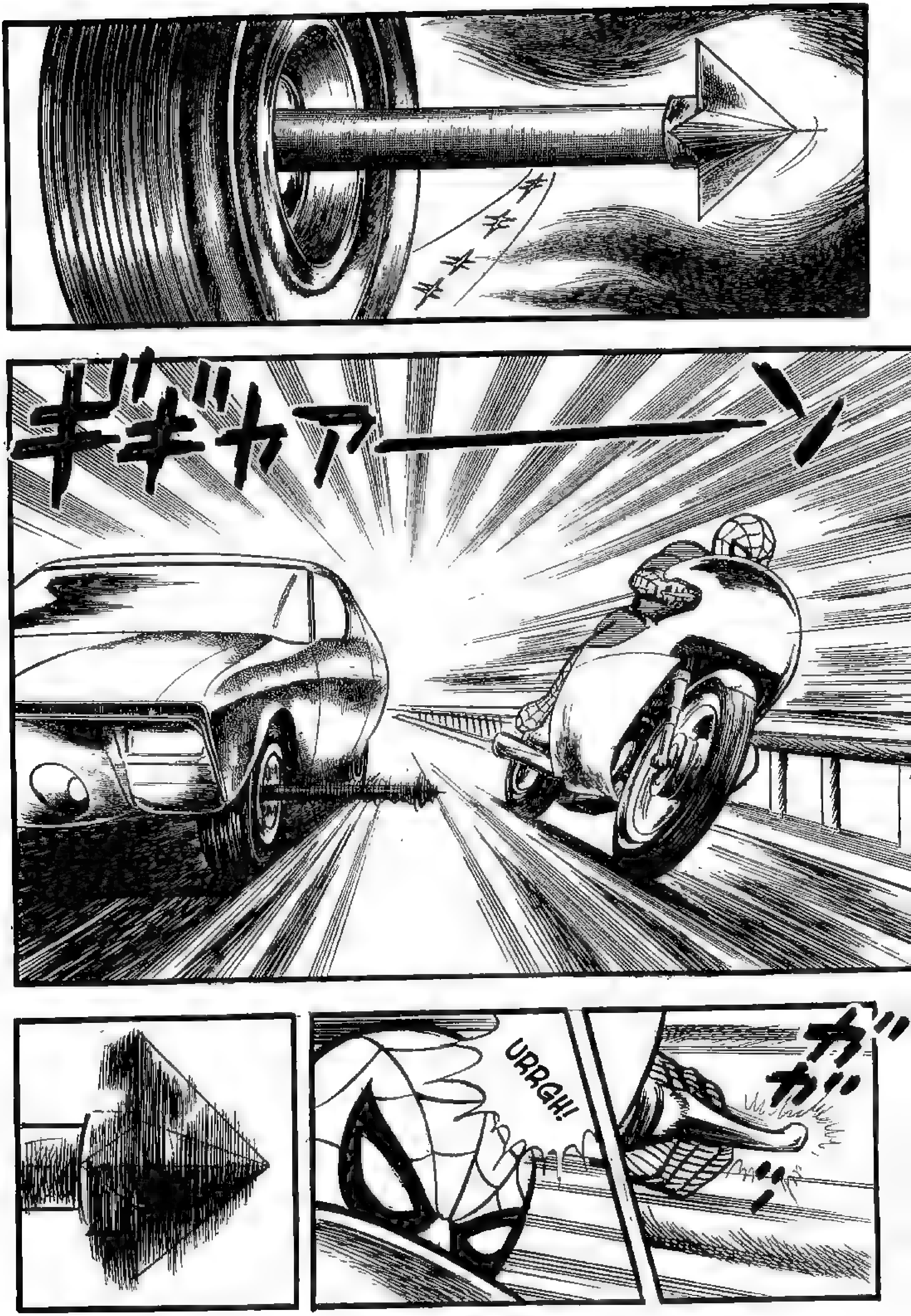
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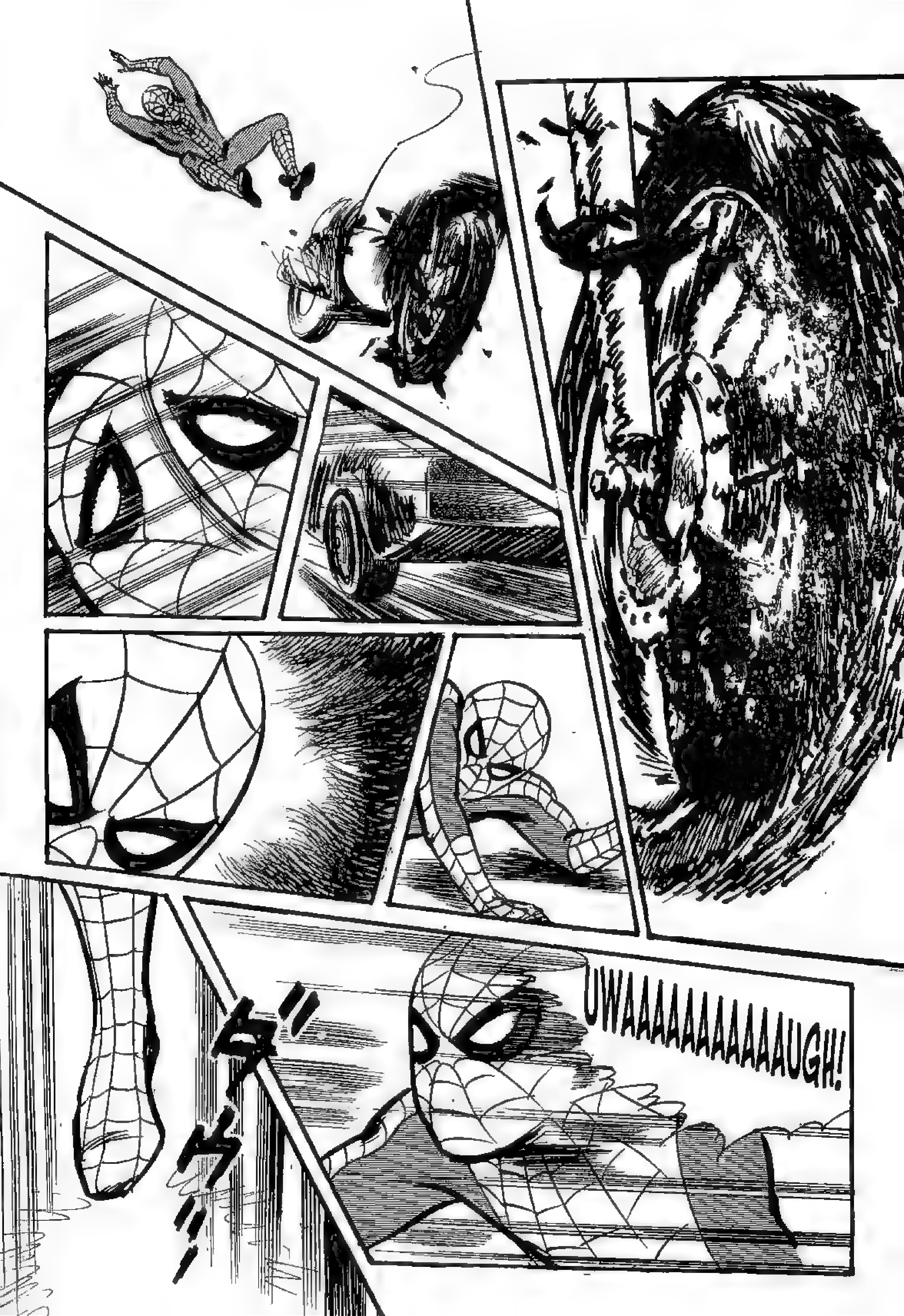

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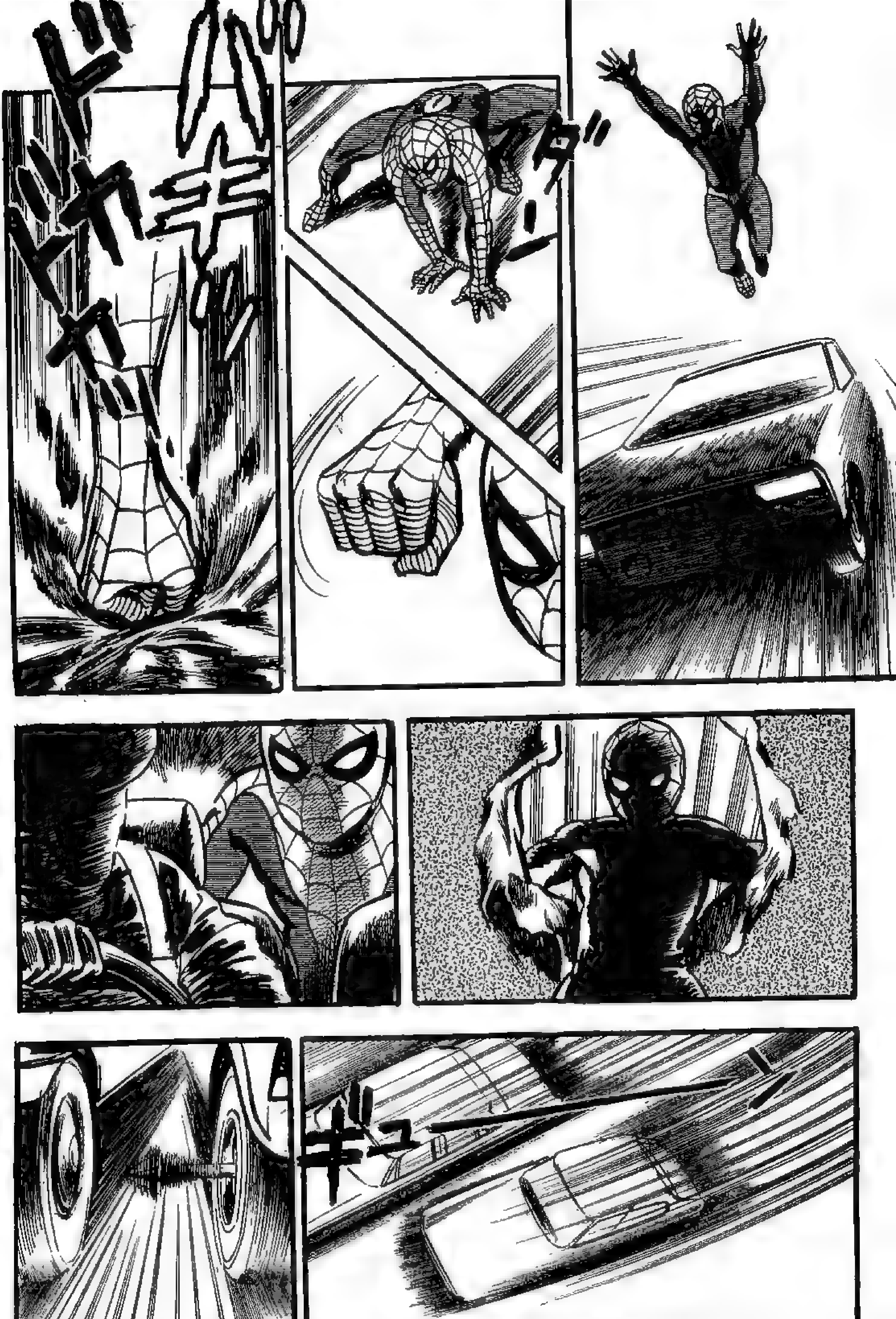
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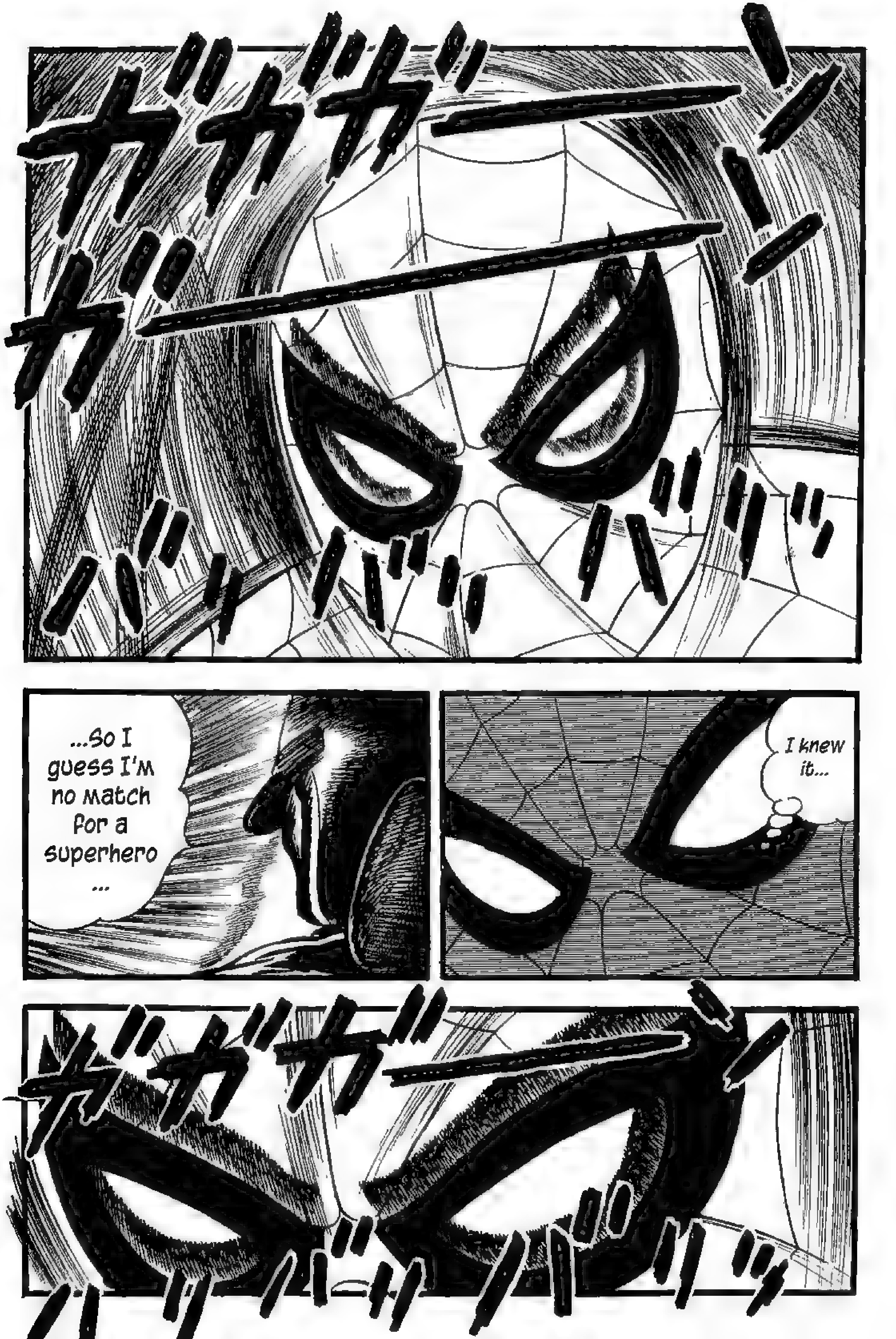
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I knew it...
...So I guess I'm no match for a superhero ...
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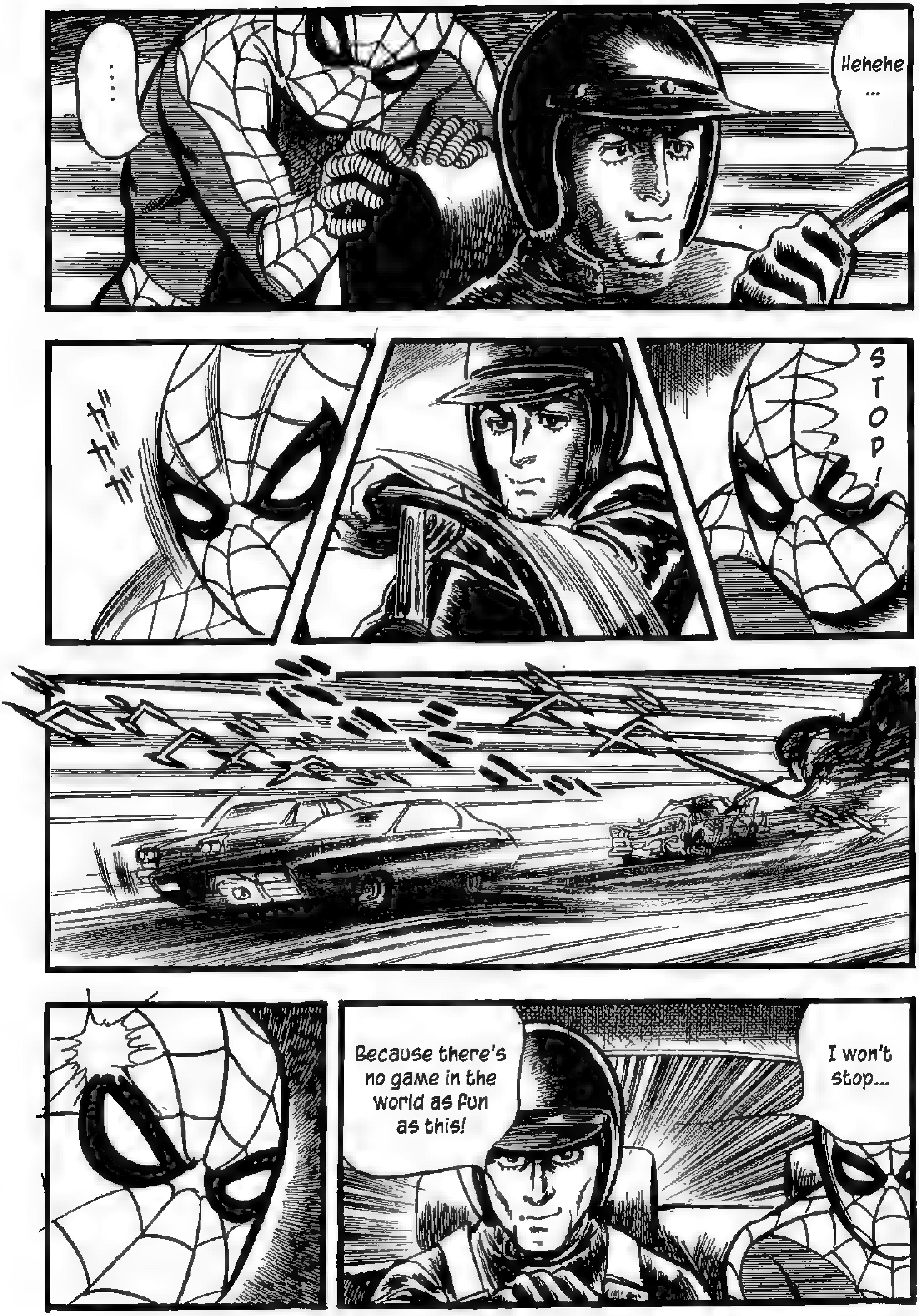
Hehehe ...
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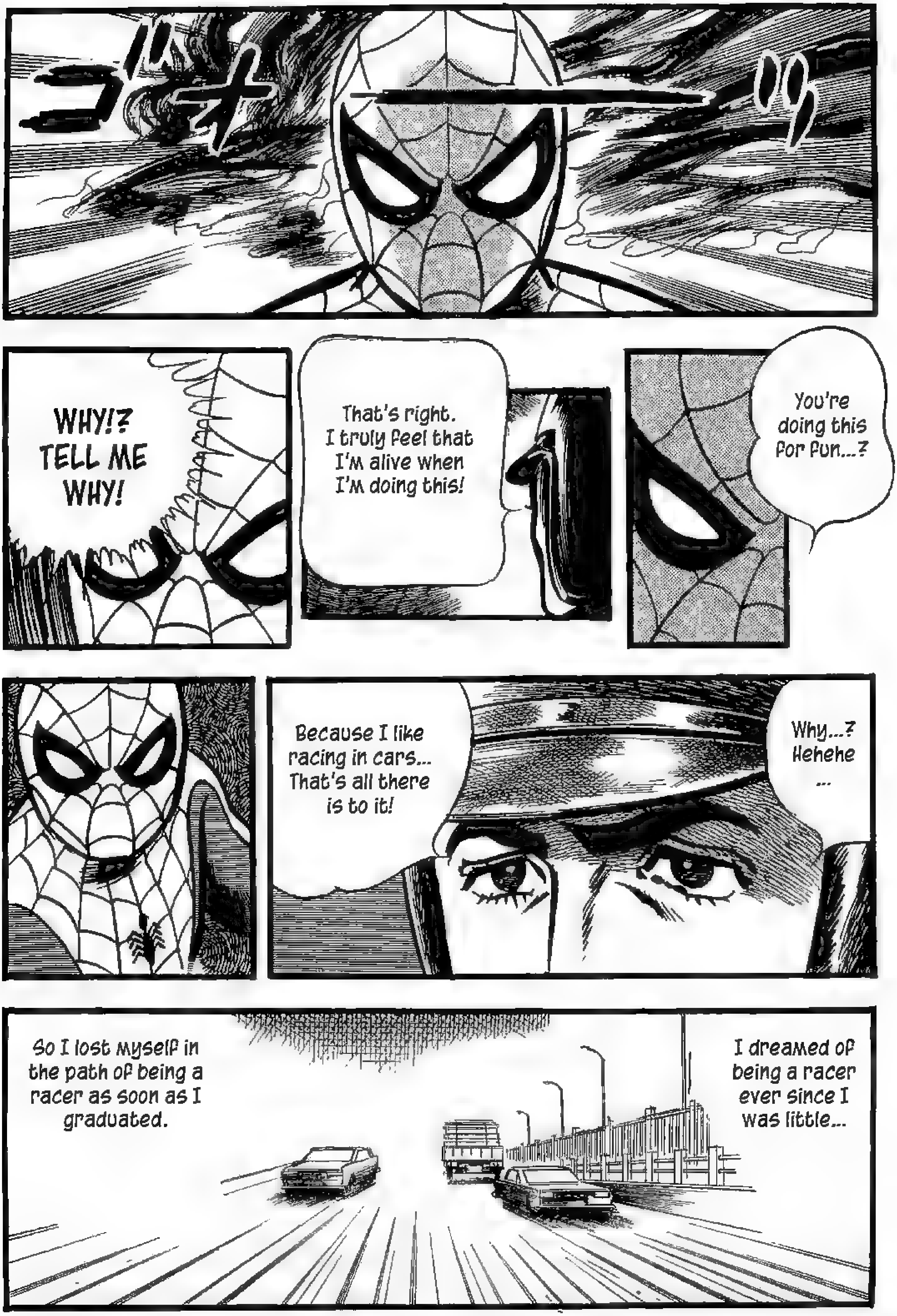
STOP!
I won't stop...
Because there's no game in the world as fun as this!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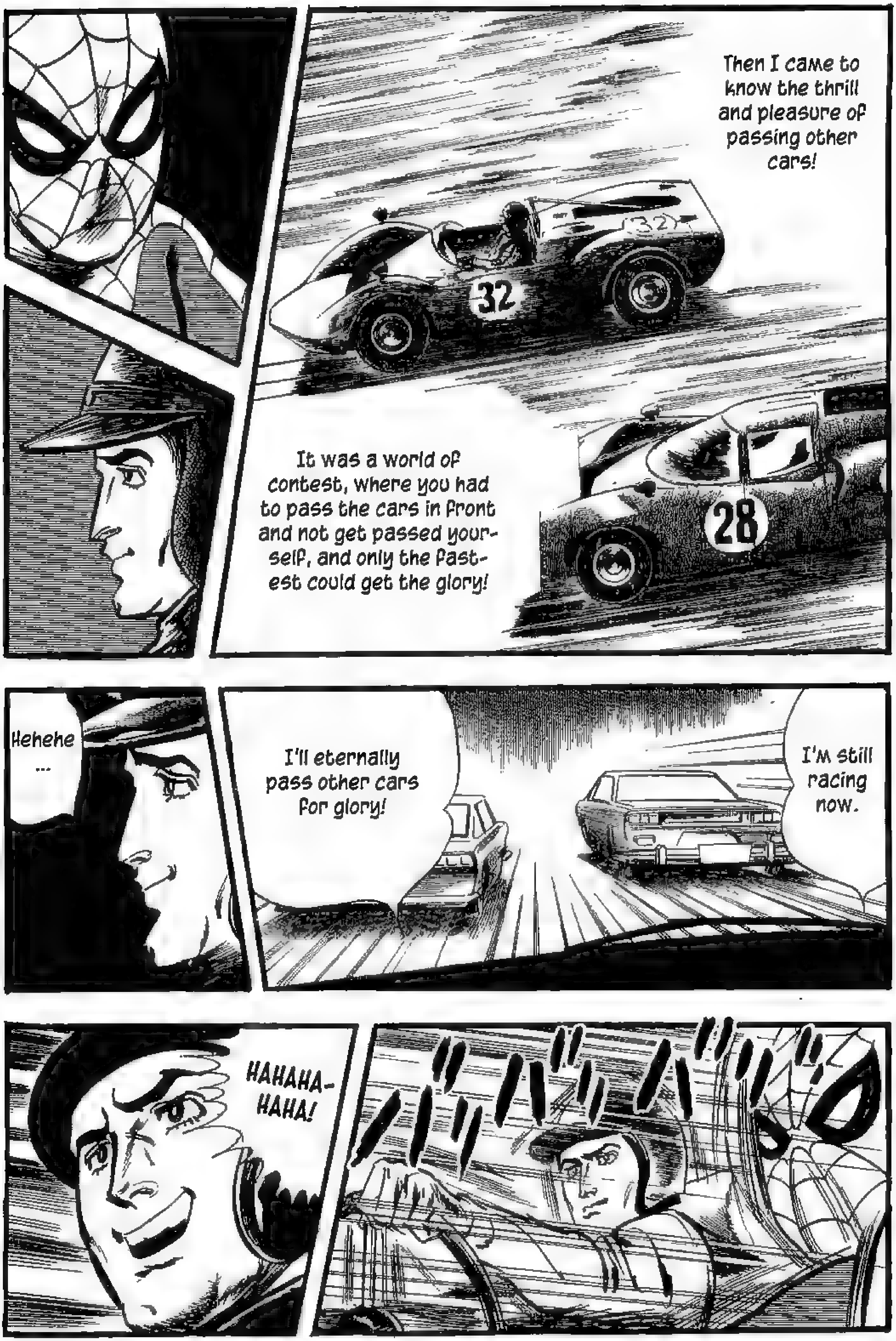
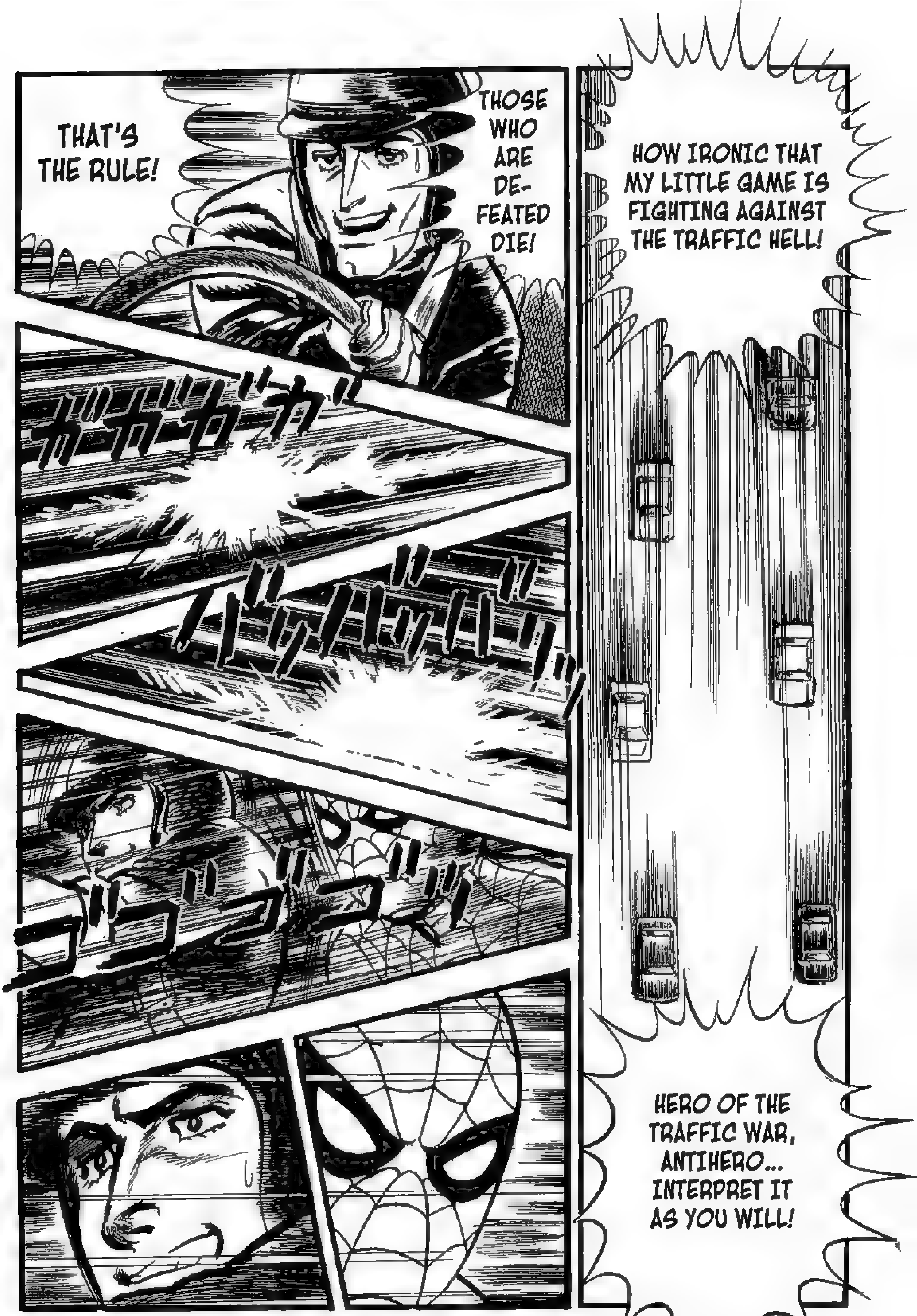
You're doing this for fun...?
That's right. I truly feel that I'm alive when I'm doing this!
WHY!? TELL ME WHY!
Why...? Hehehe...
Because I like racing in cars... That's all there is to it!
I dreamed of being a racer ever since I was little...
So I lost myself in the path of being a racer as soon as I graduated.


Then I came to know the thrill and pleasure of passing other cars!
It was a world of contest, where you had to pass the cars in front and not get passed yourself, and only the fastest could get the glory!
I'm still racing now.
I'll eternally pass other cars for glory!
Hehehe ...
HAHAHA-HAHA!


THOSE WHO ARE DEFEATED DIE!
THAT'S THE RULE!
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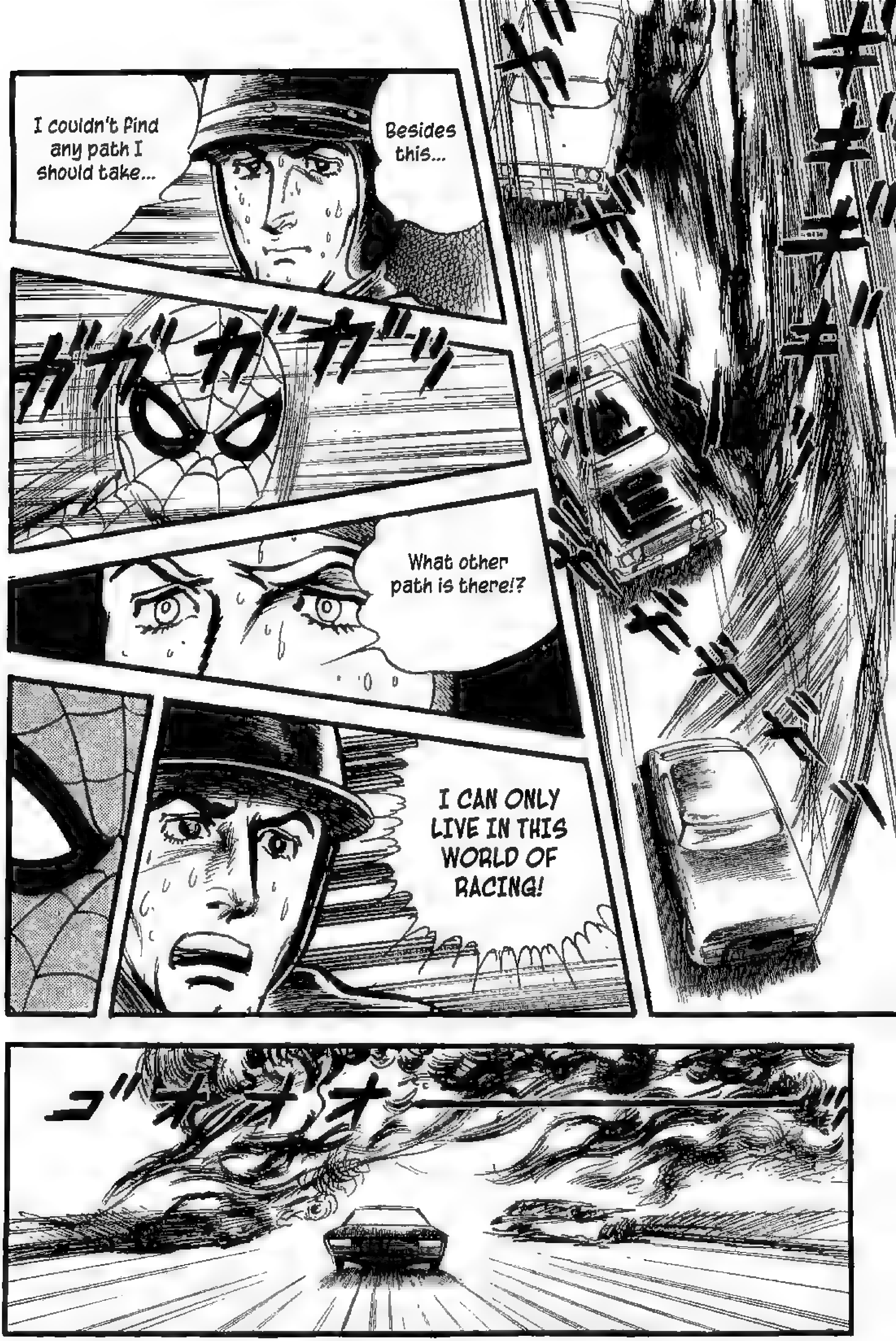
HOW IRONIC THAT MY LITTLE GAME IS FIGHTING AGAINST THE TRAFFIC HELL!
HERO OF THE TRAFFIC WAR, ANTIHERO... INTERPRET IT AS YOU WILL!


I couldn't find any path I should take...
Besides this...
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What other path is there!?
I CAN ONLY LIVE IN THIS WORLD OF RACING!
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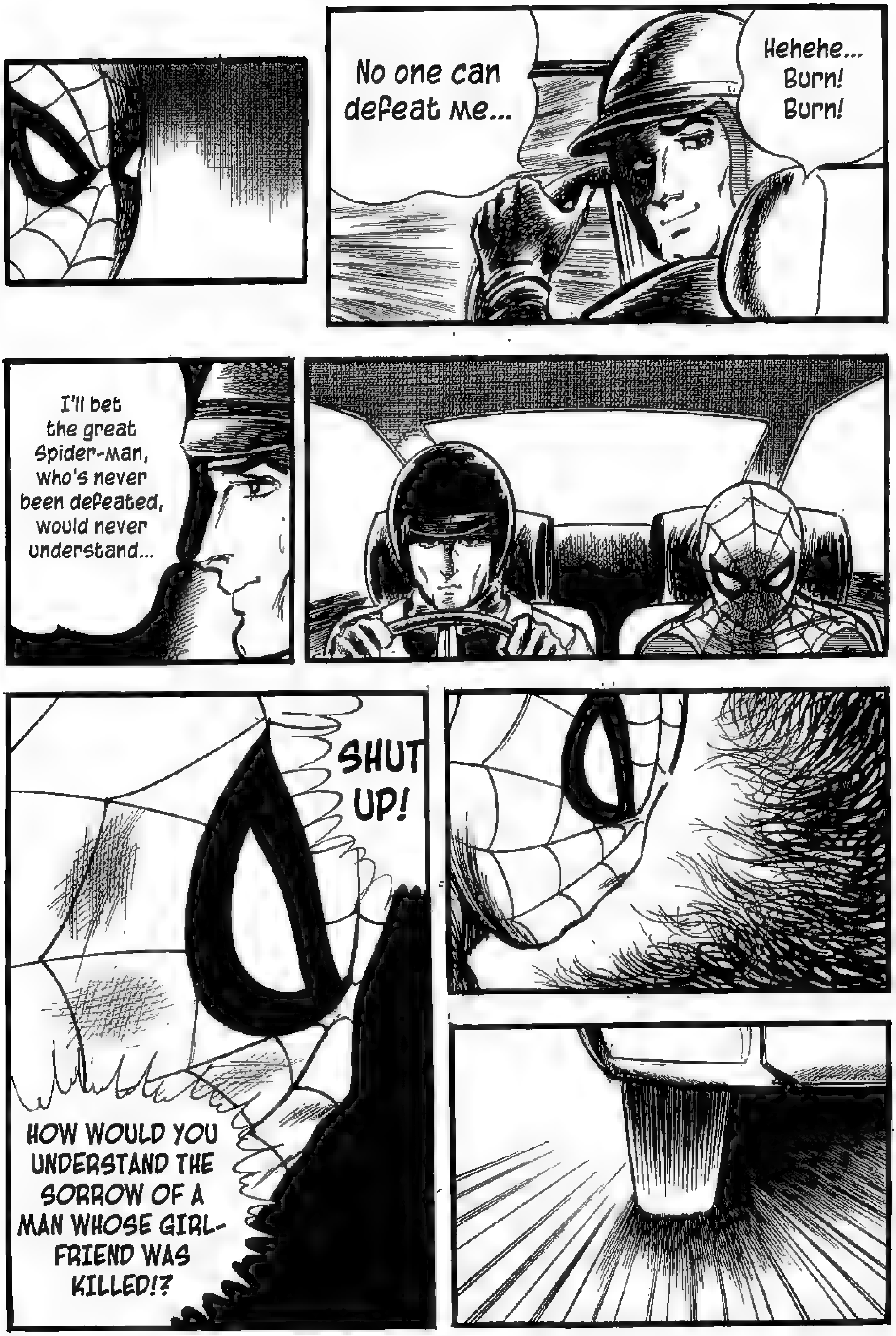
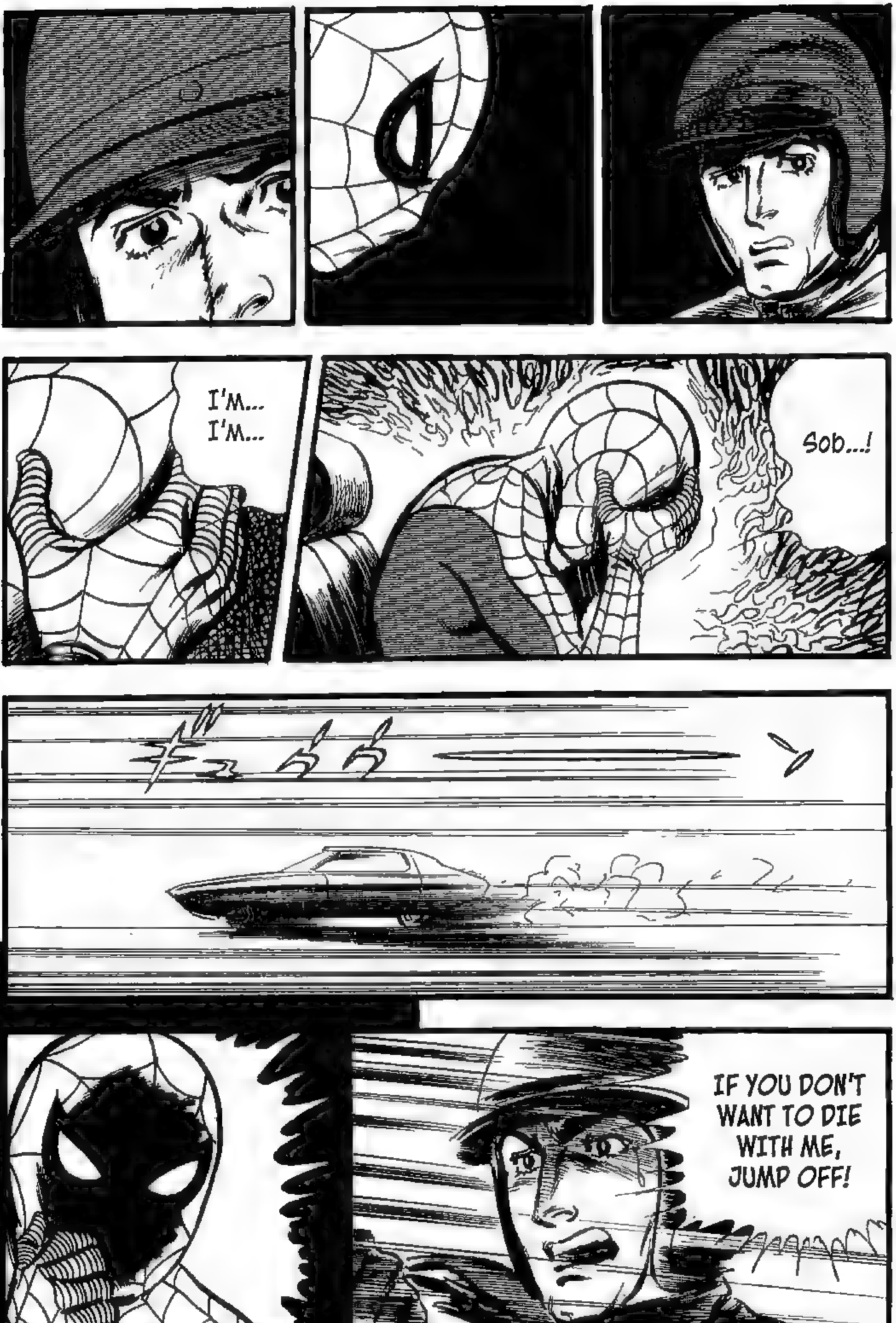

No one can defeat me...
Hehehe... Burn! Burn!
I'll bet the great Spider-Man, who's never been defeated, would never understand...
SHUT UP!
HOW WOULD YOU UNDERSTAND THE SORROW OF A MAN WHOSE GIRLFRIEND WAS KILLED!?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I'M... I'M...
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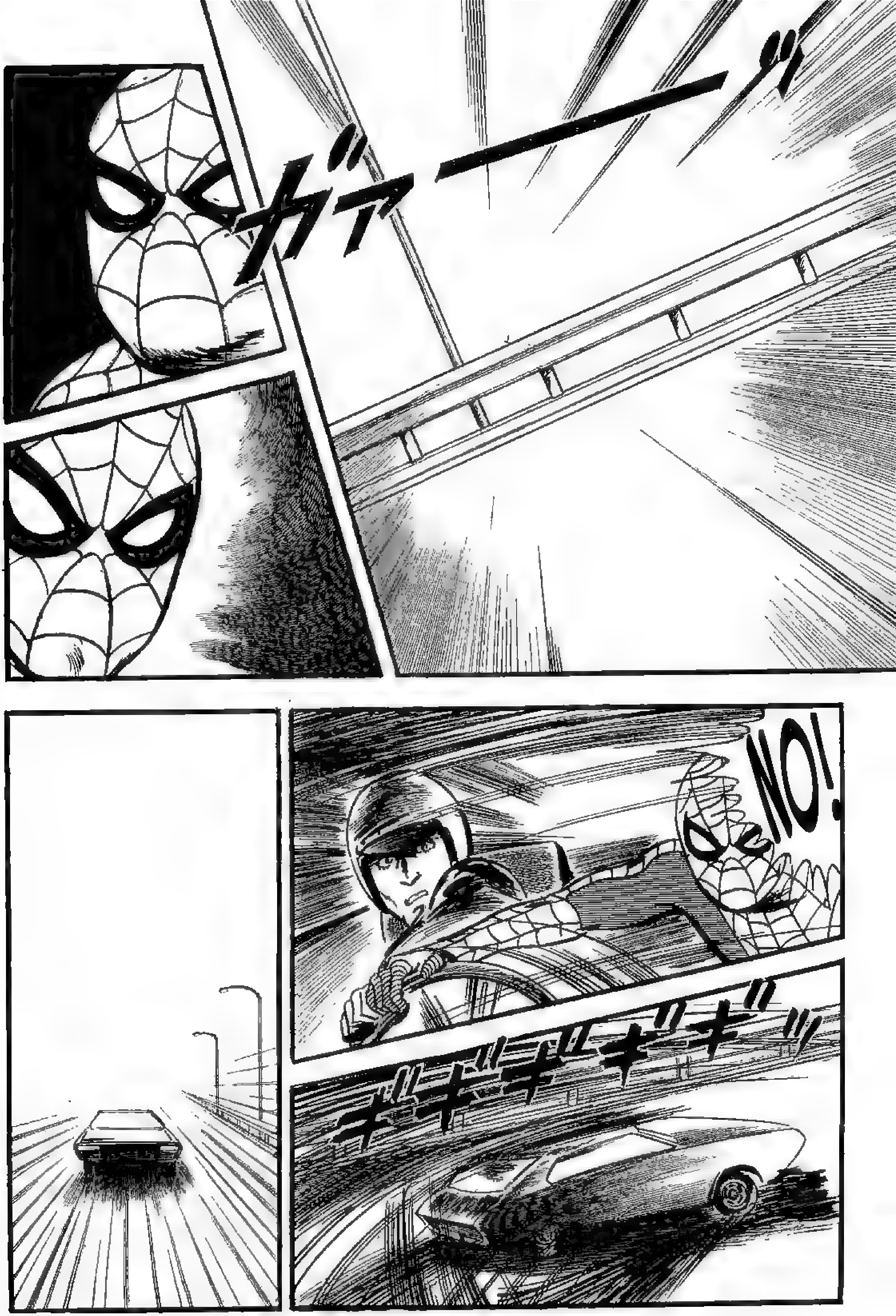
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE WITH ME, JUMP OFF!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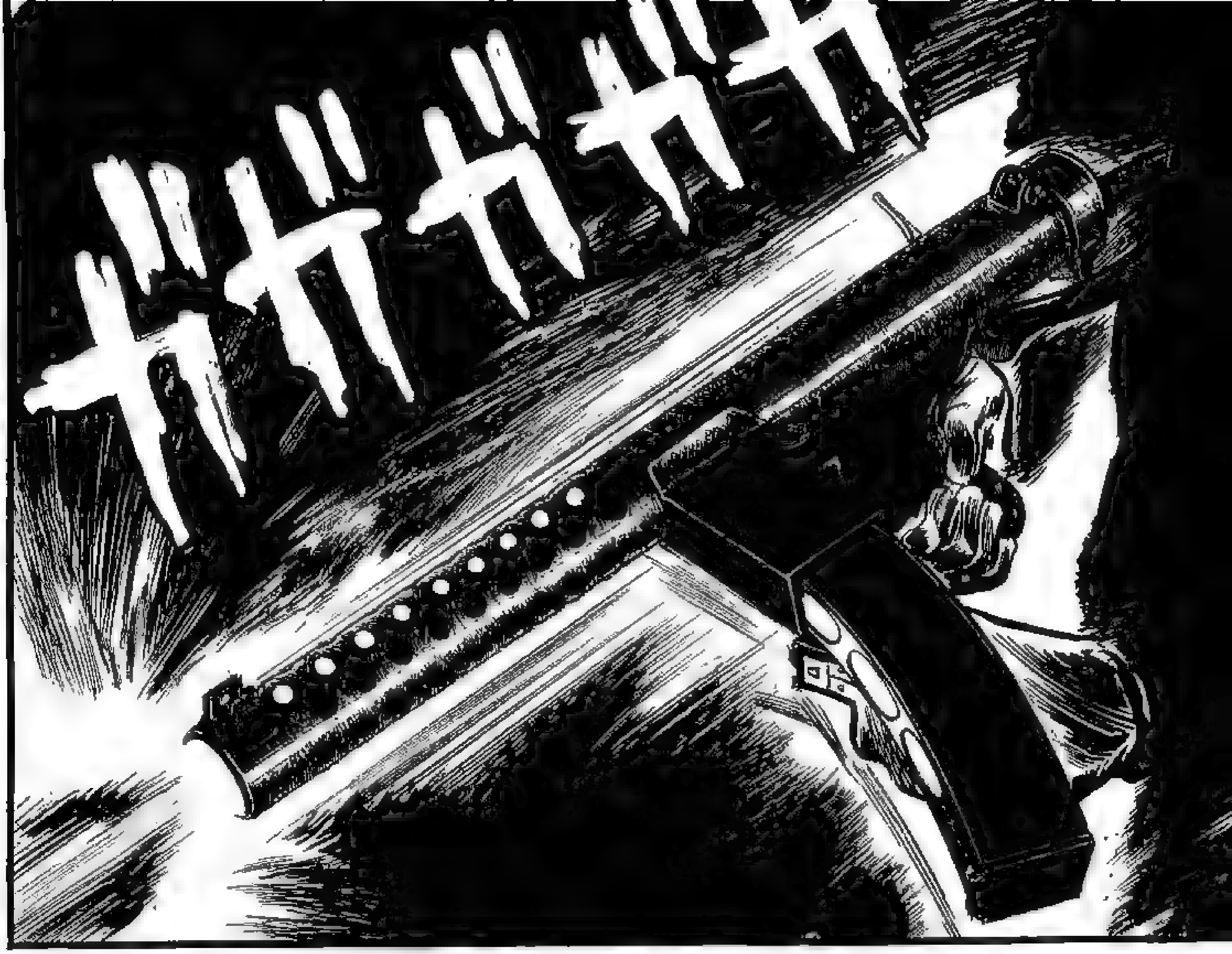
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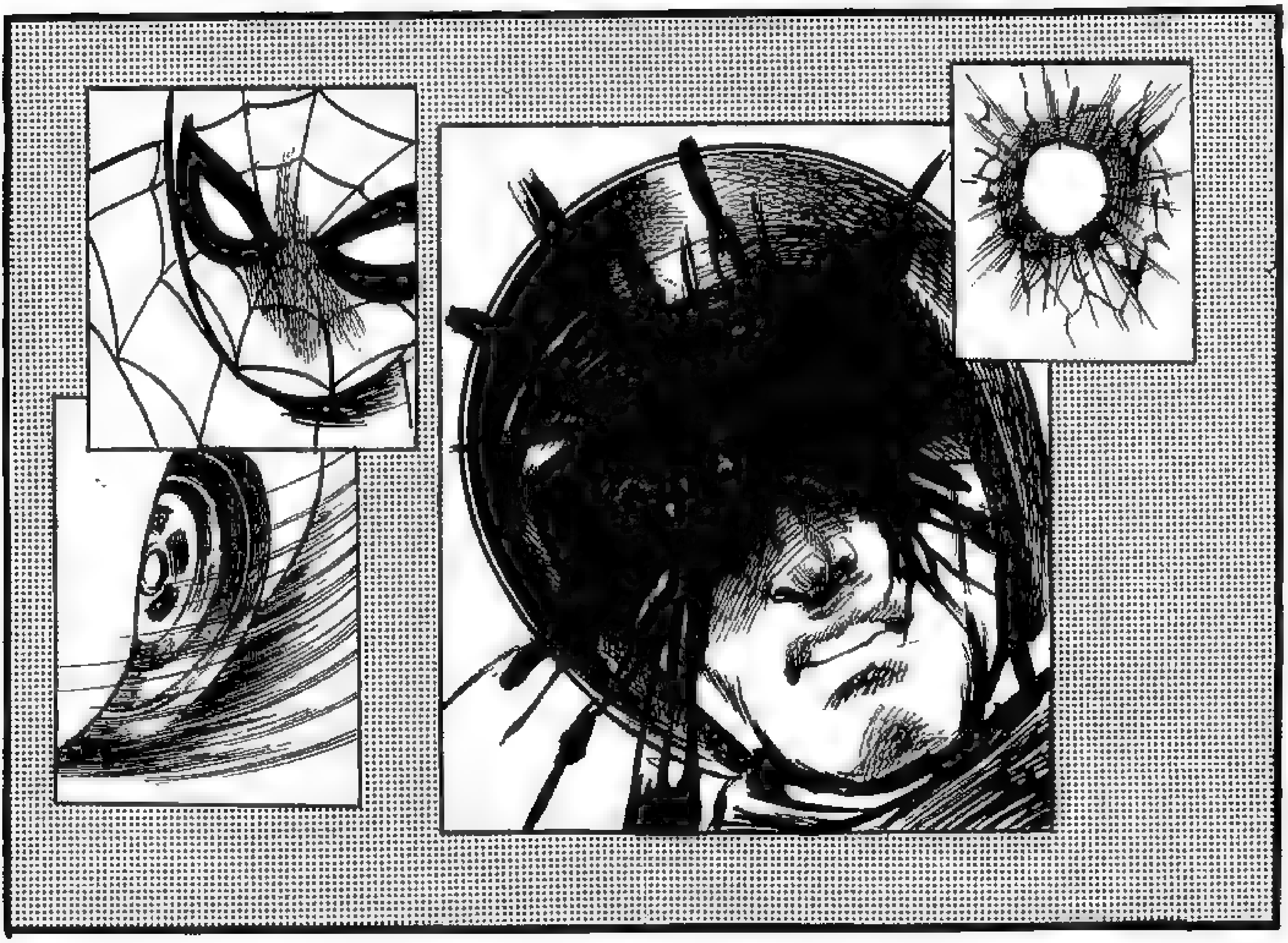

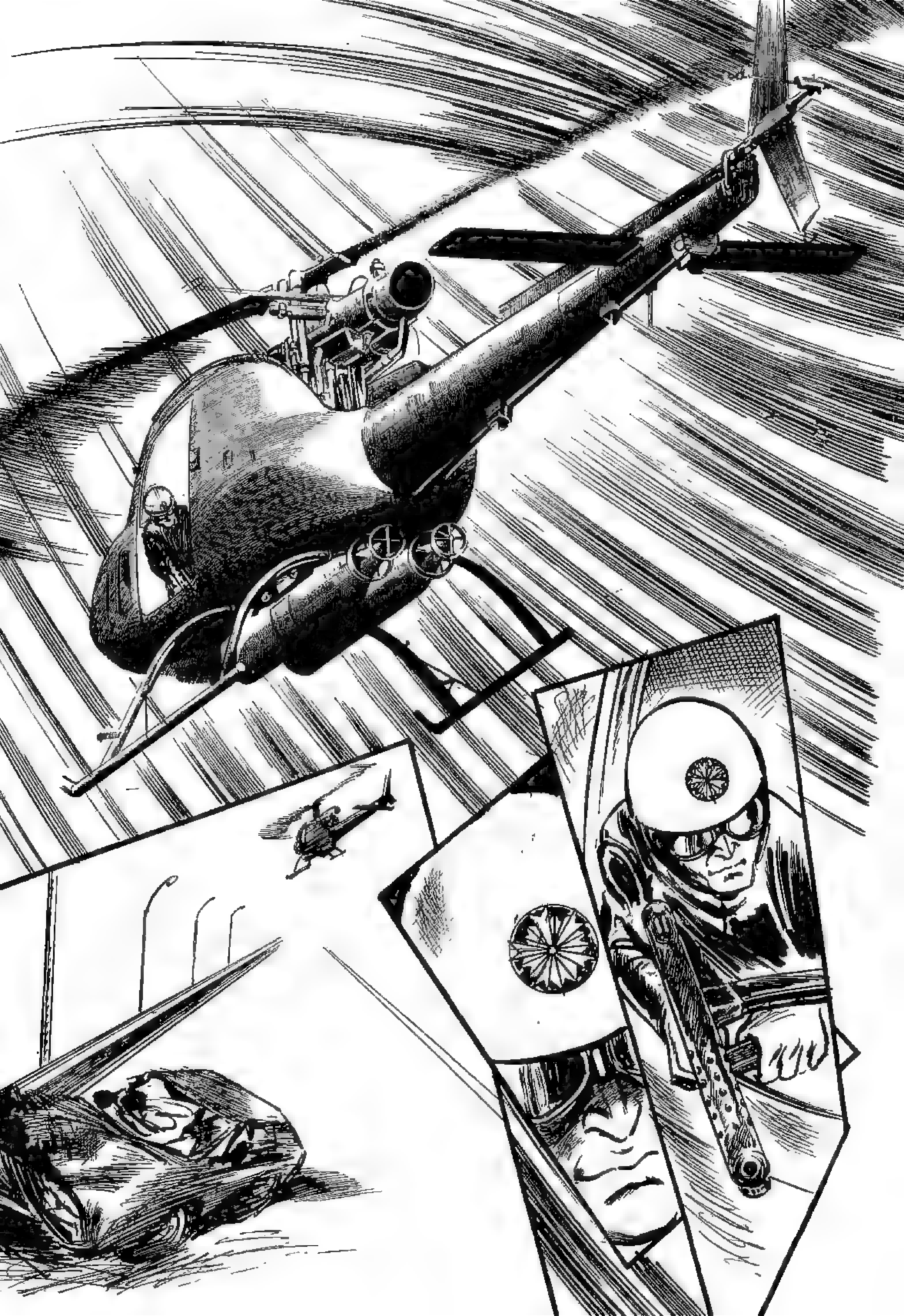

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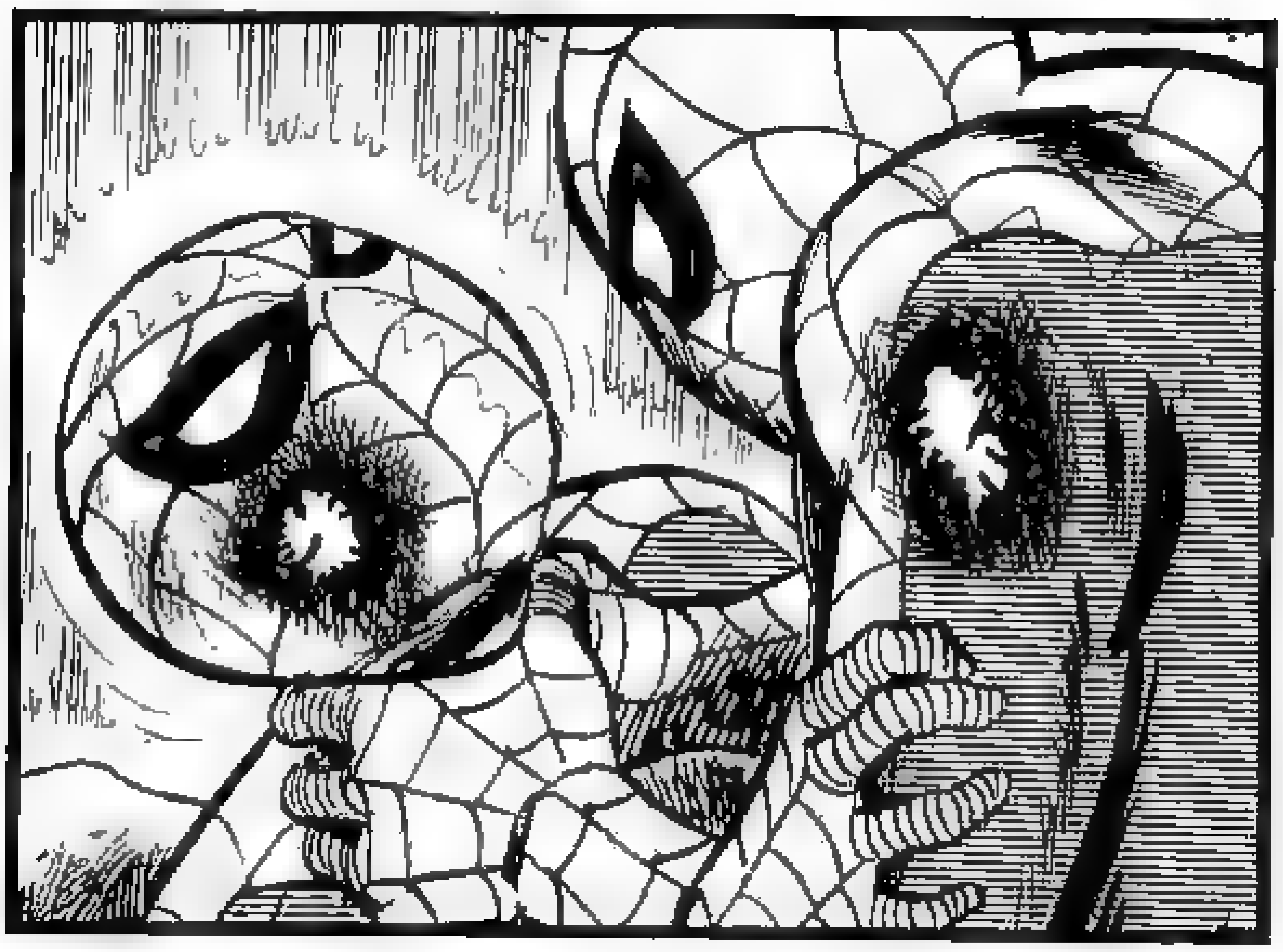

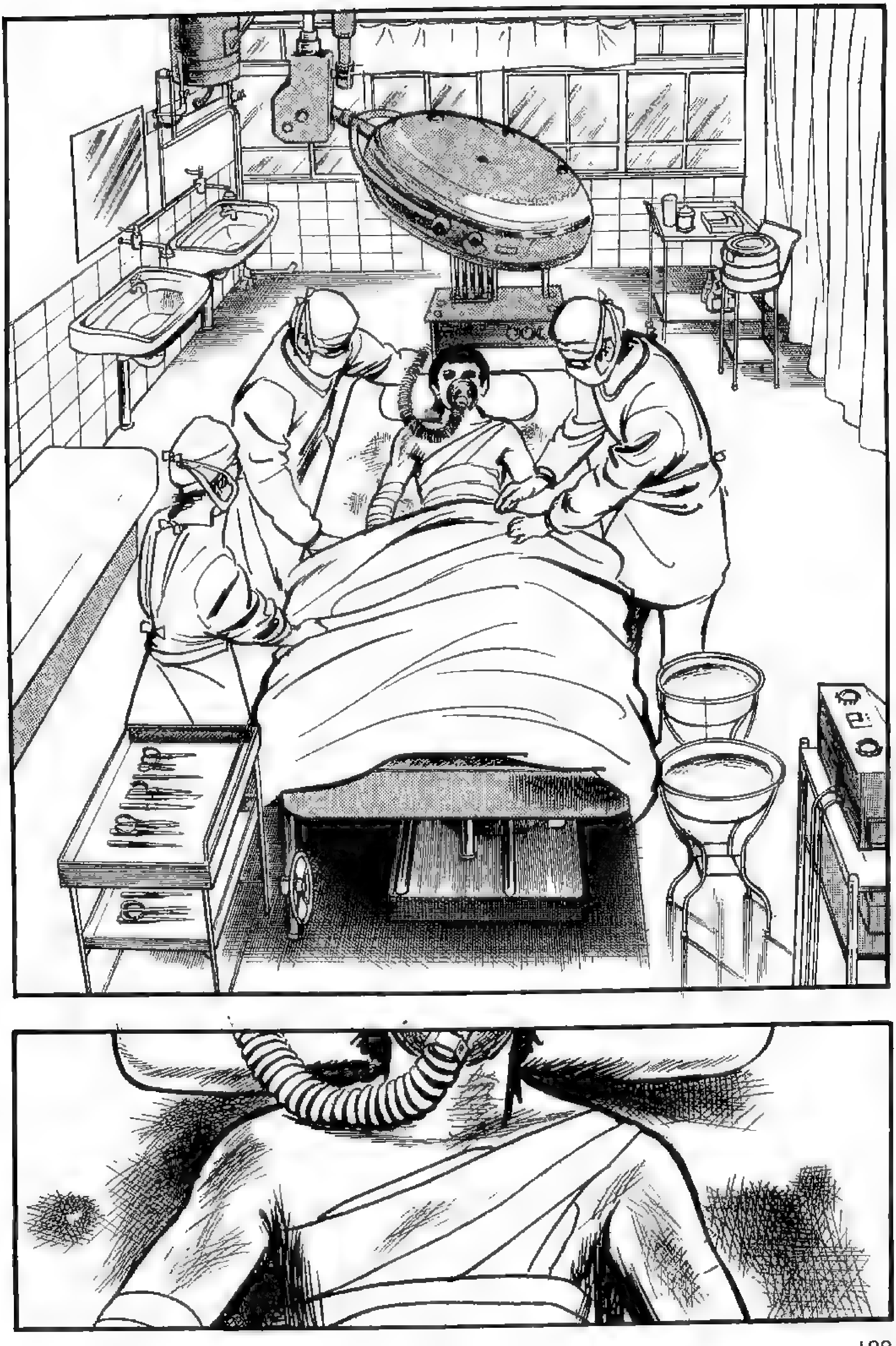

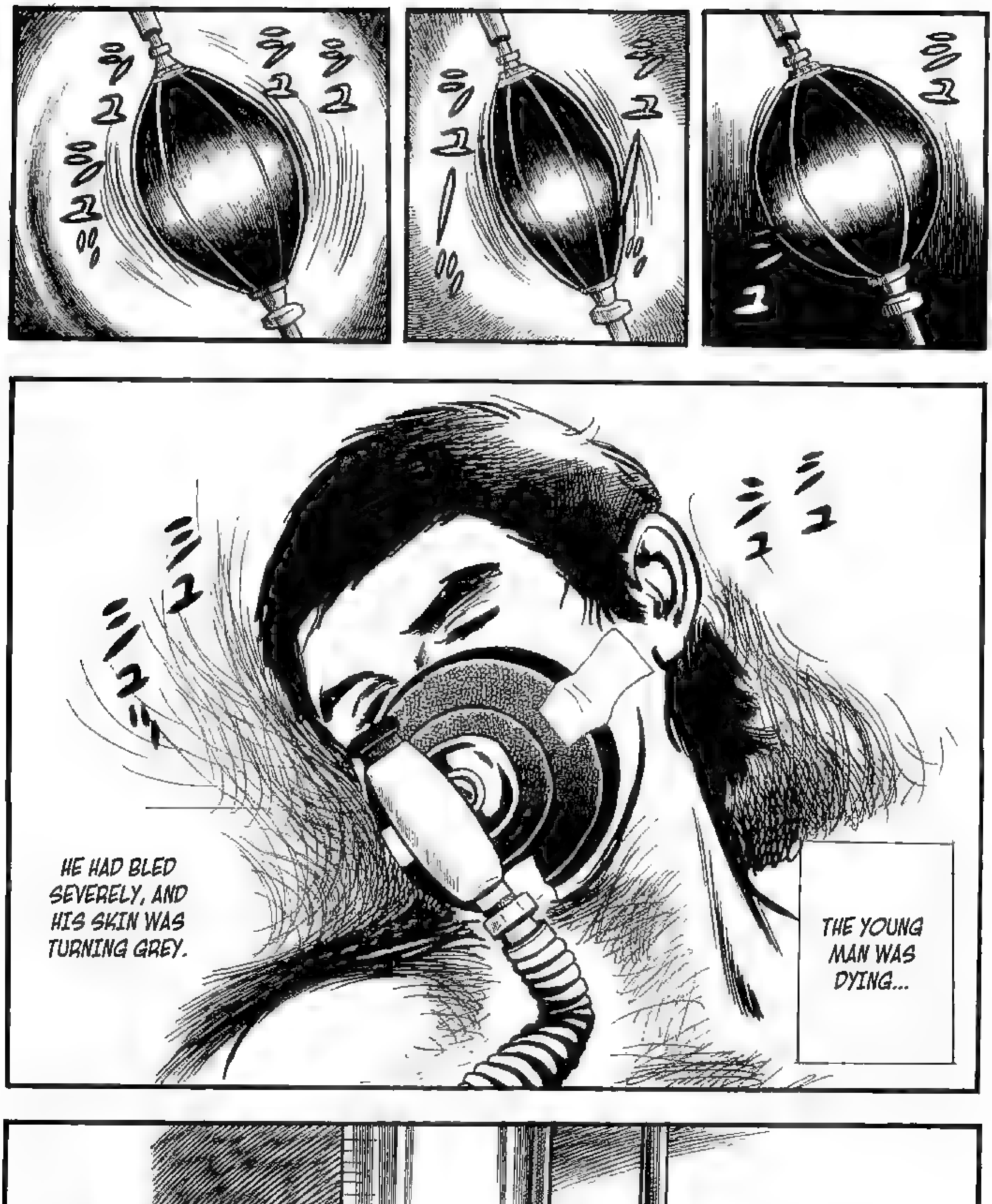
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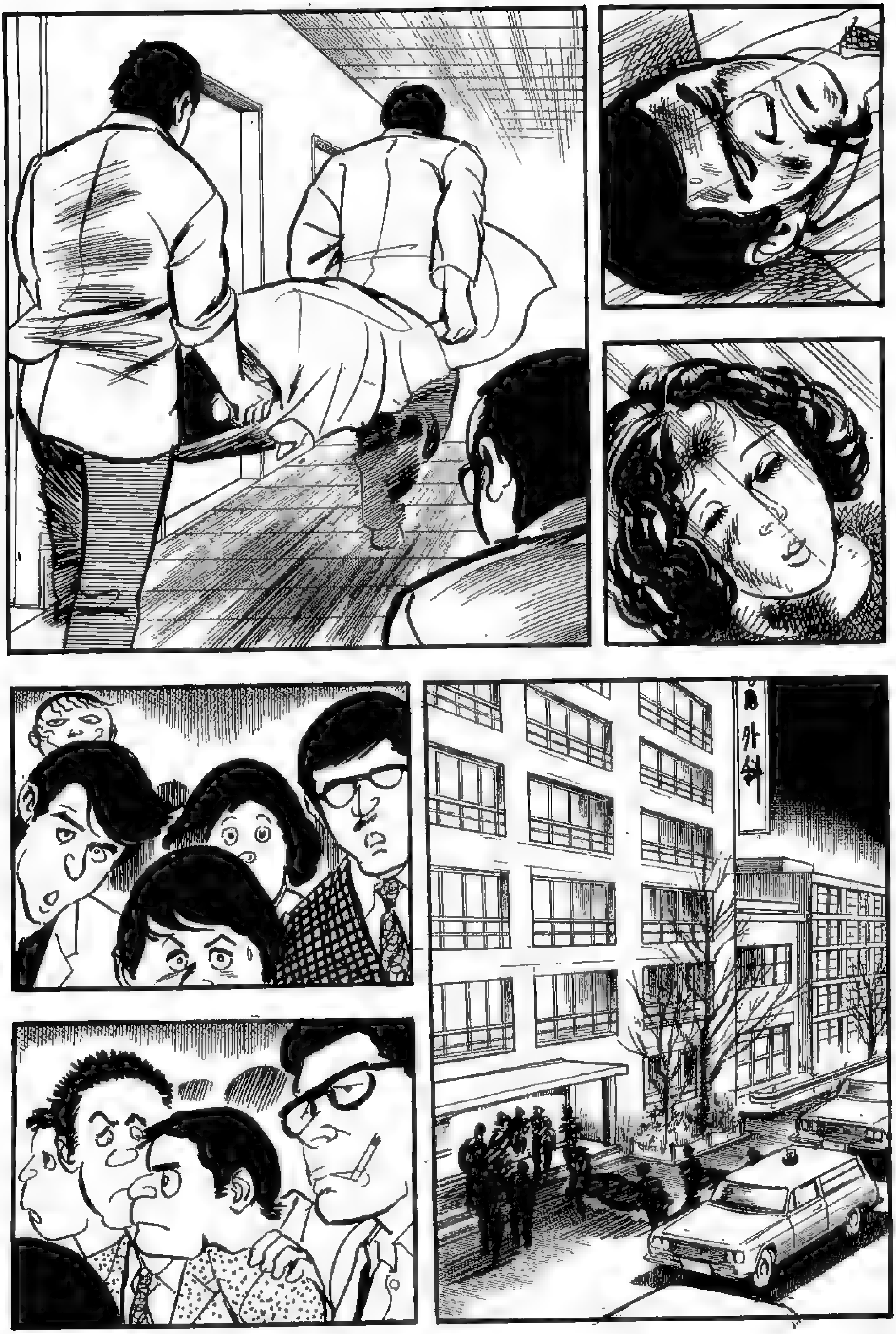
THE YOUNG MAN WAS DYING...

HE HAD BLED SEVERELY, AND HIS SKIN WAS TURNING GREY.

HE NEEDED A TRANSFUSION IMMEDIATELY, BUT THE HOSPITAL DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH BLOOD IN STOCK.

THERE WAS NO STOCK IN THE BLOOD BANK, EITHER...

HUNDREDS DIED, AND ALL NEARBY HOSPITALS WERE FILLED WITH INJURED PEOPLE.
FOR THERE WAS A SUDDEN SWELL IN CASUALTIES THAT NEEDED TRANSFUSIONS.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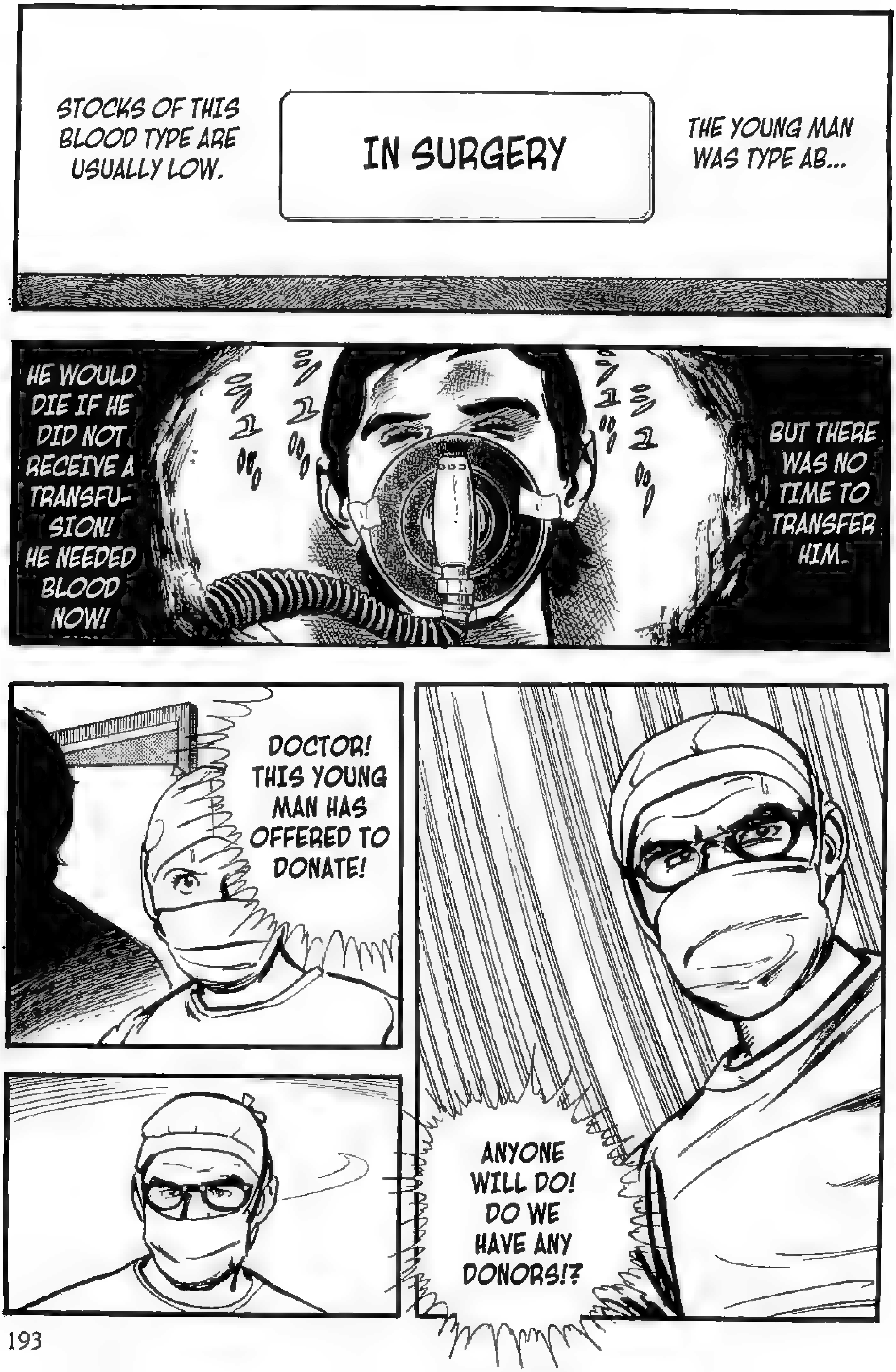
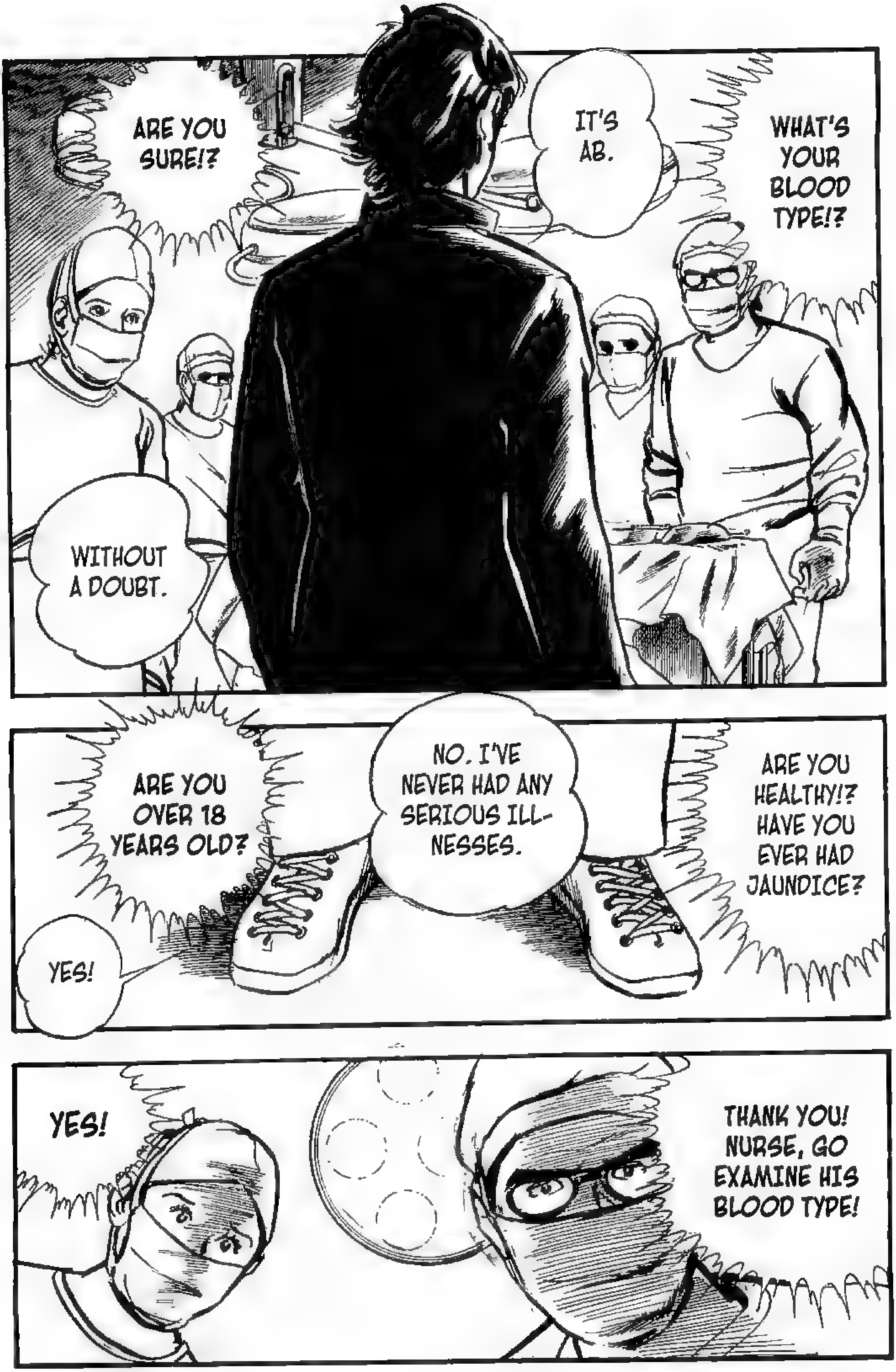
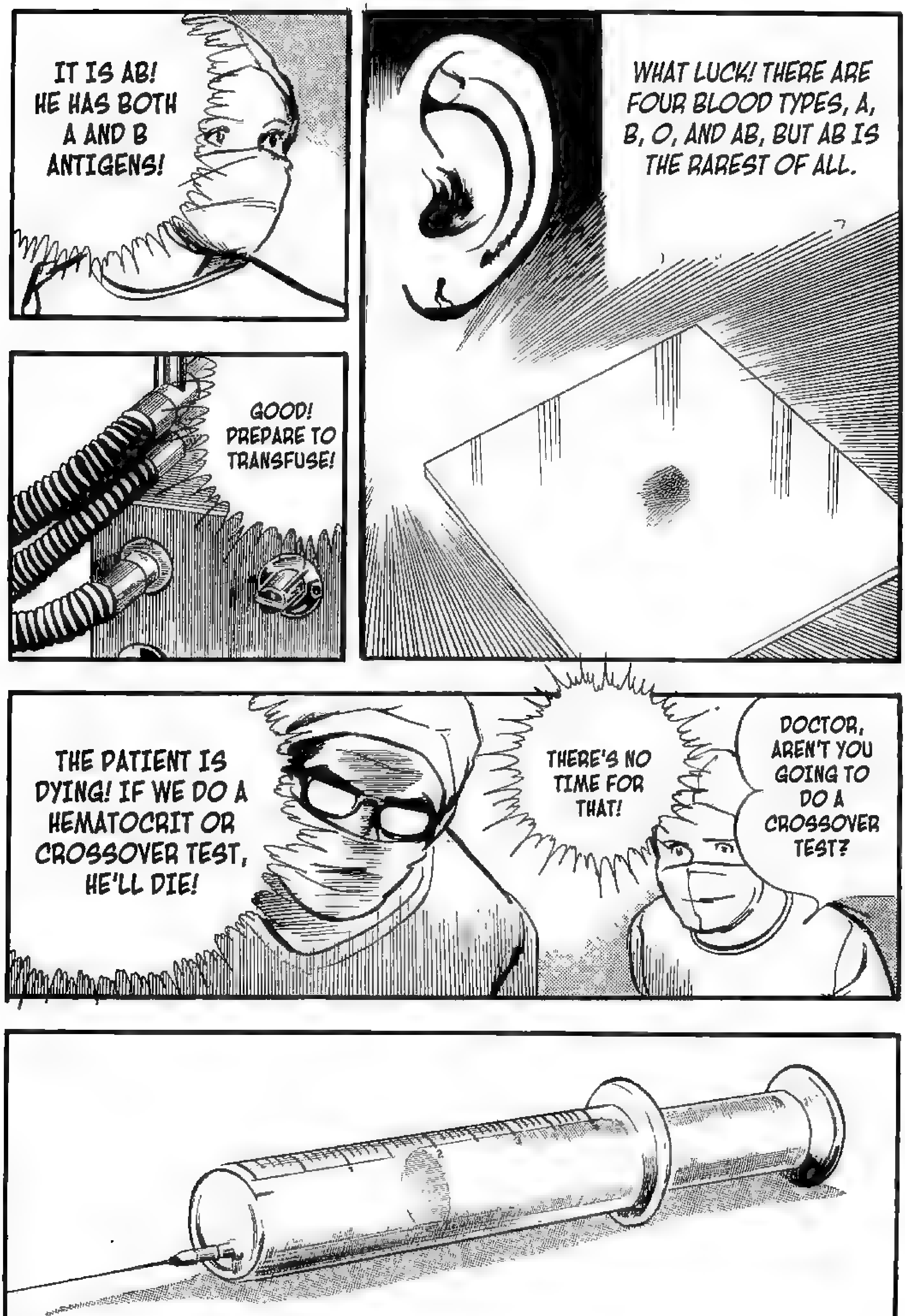
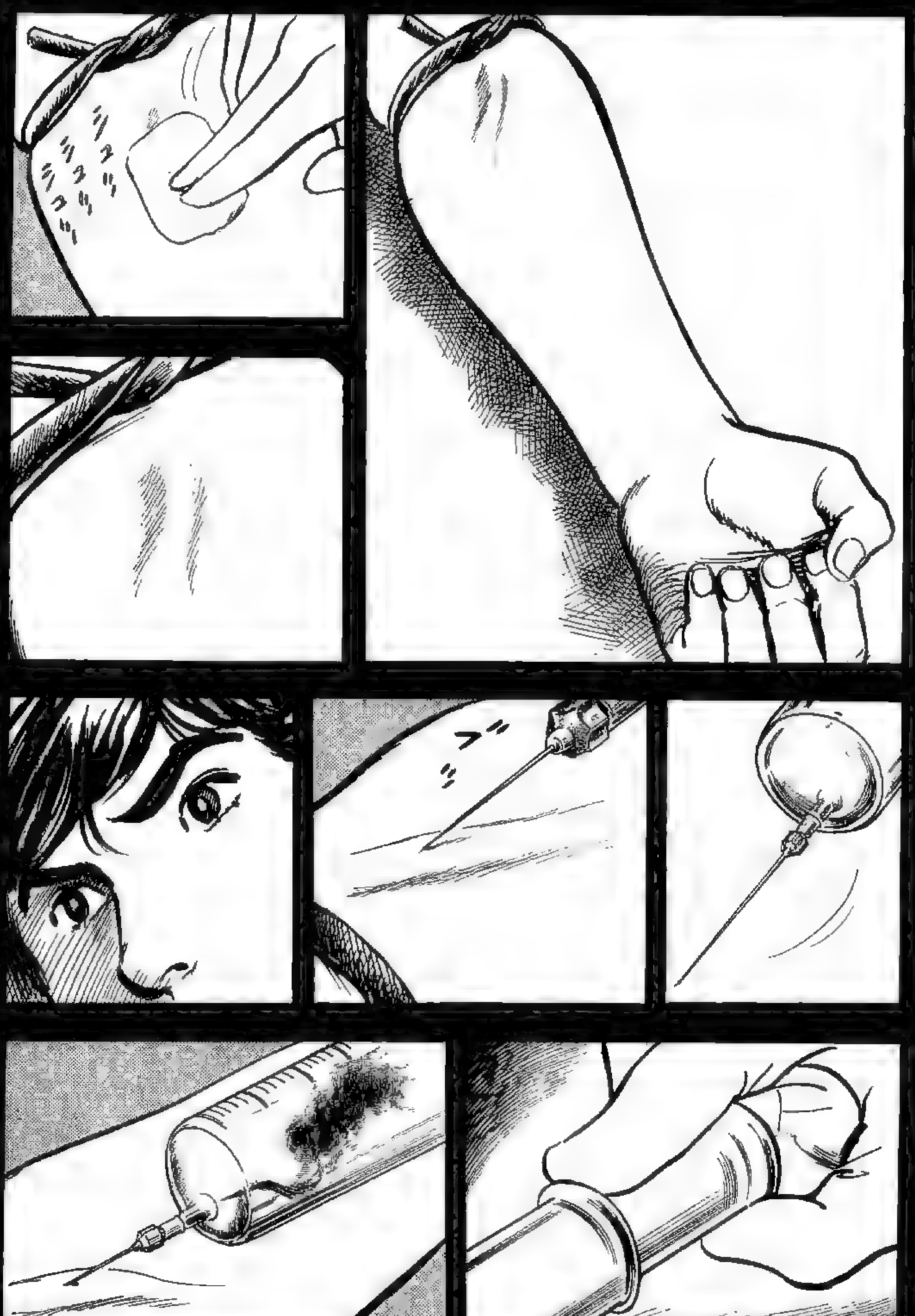

THE YOUNG MAN WAS TYPE AB...
IN SURGERY
STOCKS OF THIS BLOOD TYPE ARE USUALLY LOW.
BUT THERE WAS NO TIME TO TRANSFER HIM.
HE WOULD DIE IF HE DID NOT RECEIVE A TRANSFUSION! HE NEEDED BLOOD NOW!
ANYONE WILL DO! DO WE HAVE ANY DONORS!?
DOCTOR! THIS YOUNG MAN HAS OFFERED TO DONATE!


WHAT'S YOUR BLOOD TYPE!?
IT'S AB.
ARE YOU SURE!?
WITHOUT A DOUBT.
ARE YOU HEALTHY!? HAVE YOU EVER HAD JAUNDICE?
NO. I'VE NEVER HAD ANY SERIOUS ILLNESSES.
ARE YOU OVER 18 YEARS OLD?
YES!
THANK YOU! NURSE, GO EXAMINE HIS BLOOD TYPE!
YES!


WHAT LUCK! THERE ARE FOUR BLOOD TYPES, A, B, O, AND AB, BUT AB IS THE RAREST OF ALL.
IT IS AB! HE HAS BOTH A AND B ANTIGENS!
GOOD! PREPARE TO TRANSFUSE!
DOCTOR, AREN'T YOU GOING TO DO A CROSSOVER TEST?
THERE'S NO TIME FOR THAT!
THE PATIENT IS DYING! IF WE DO A HEMATOCRIT OR CROSSOVER TEST, HE'LL DIE!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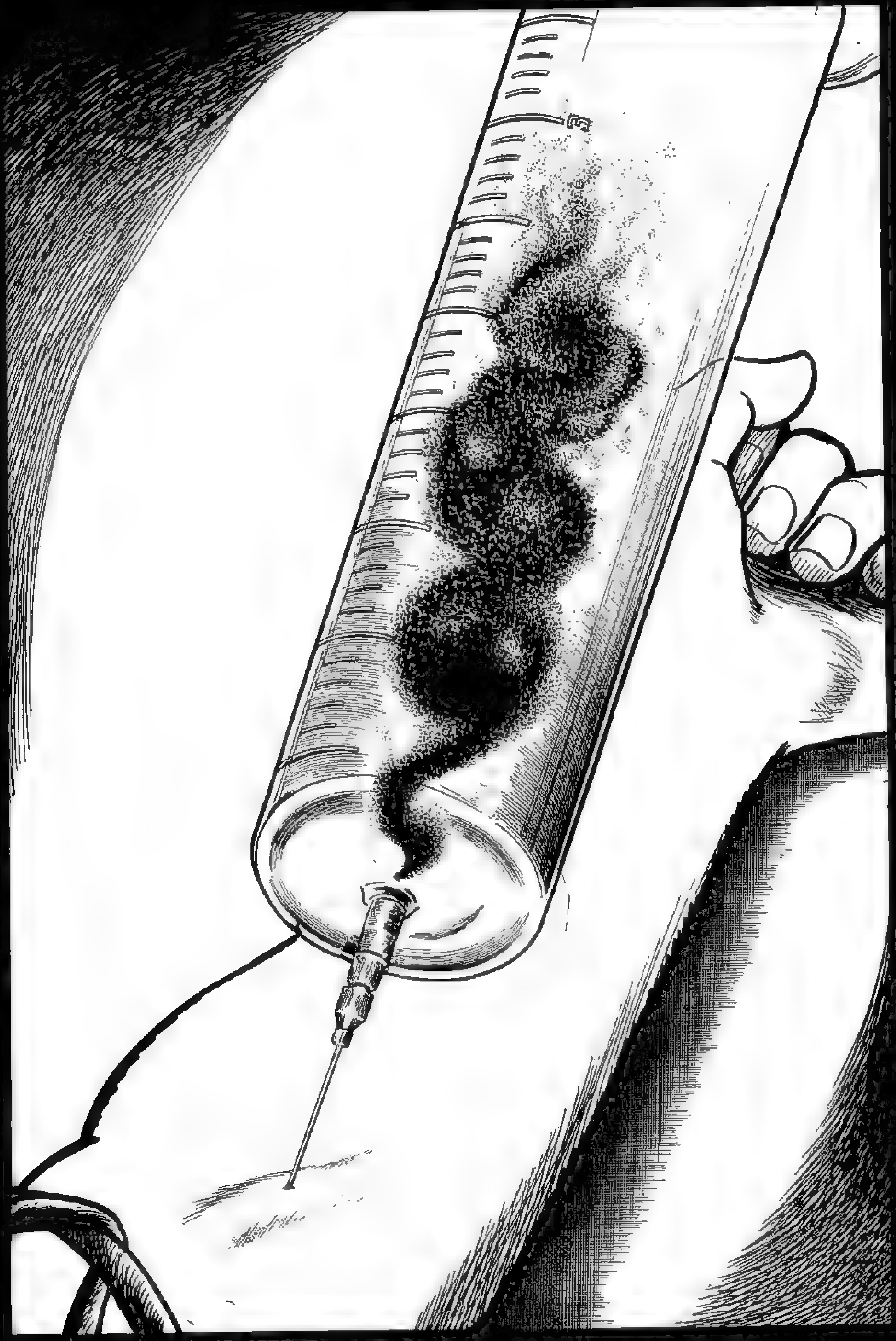
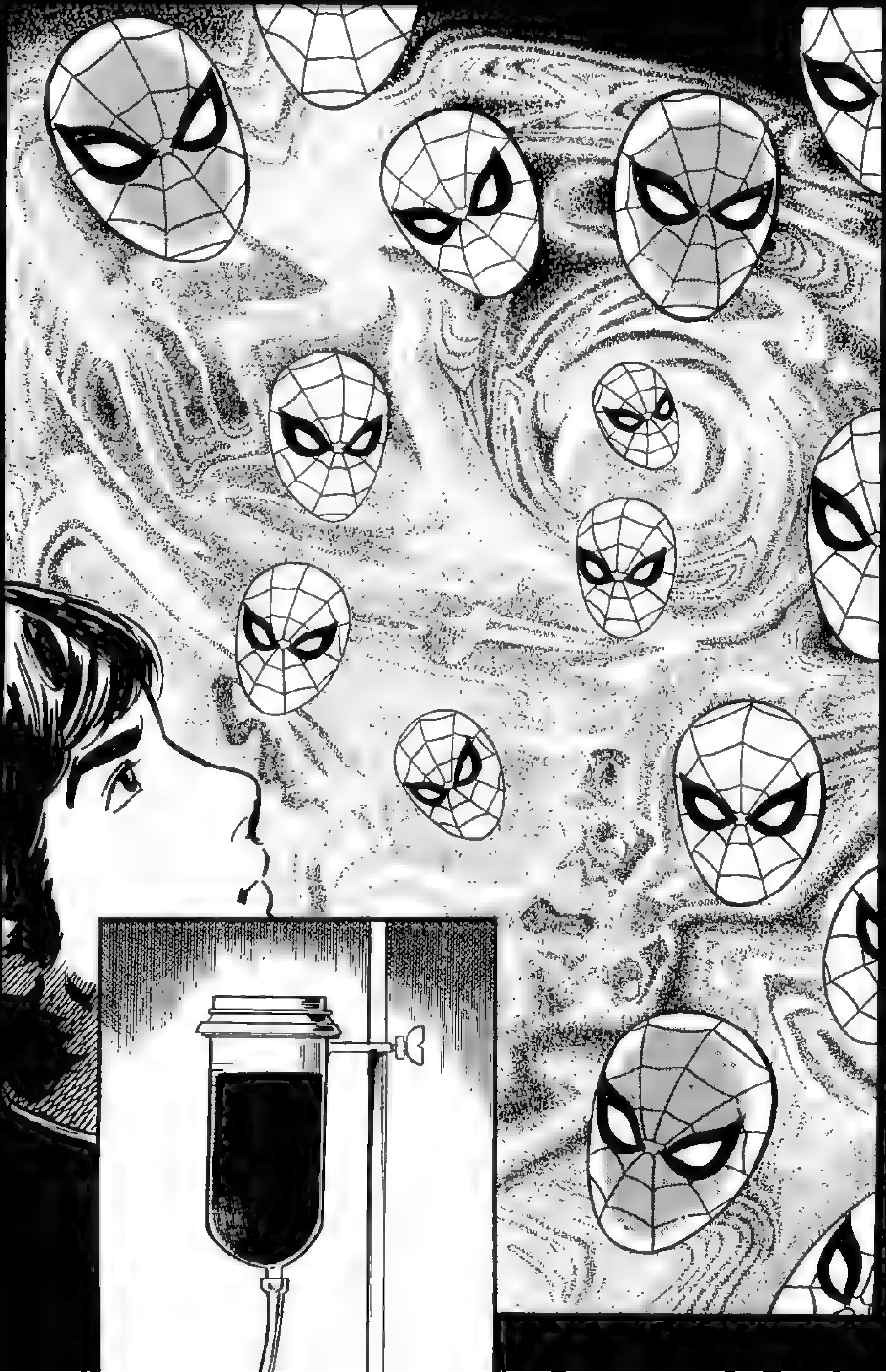
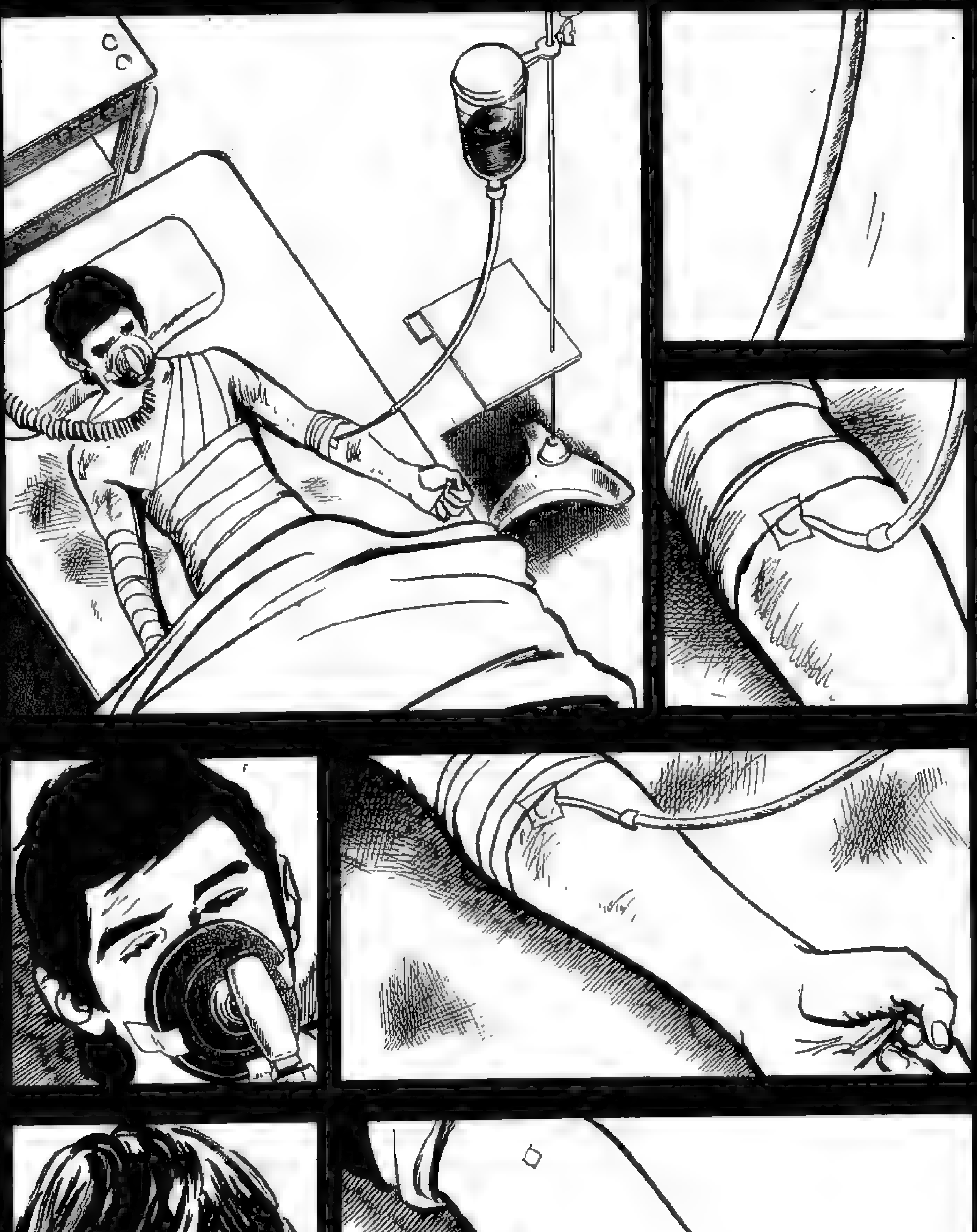
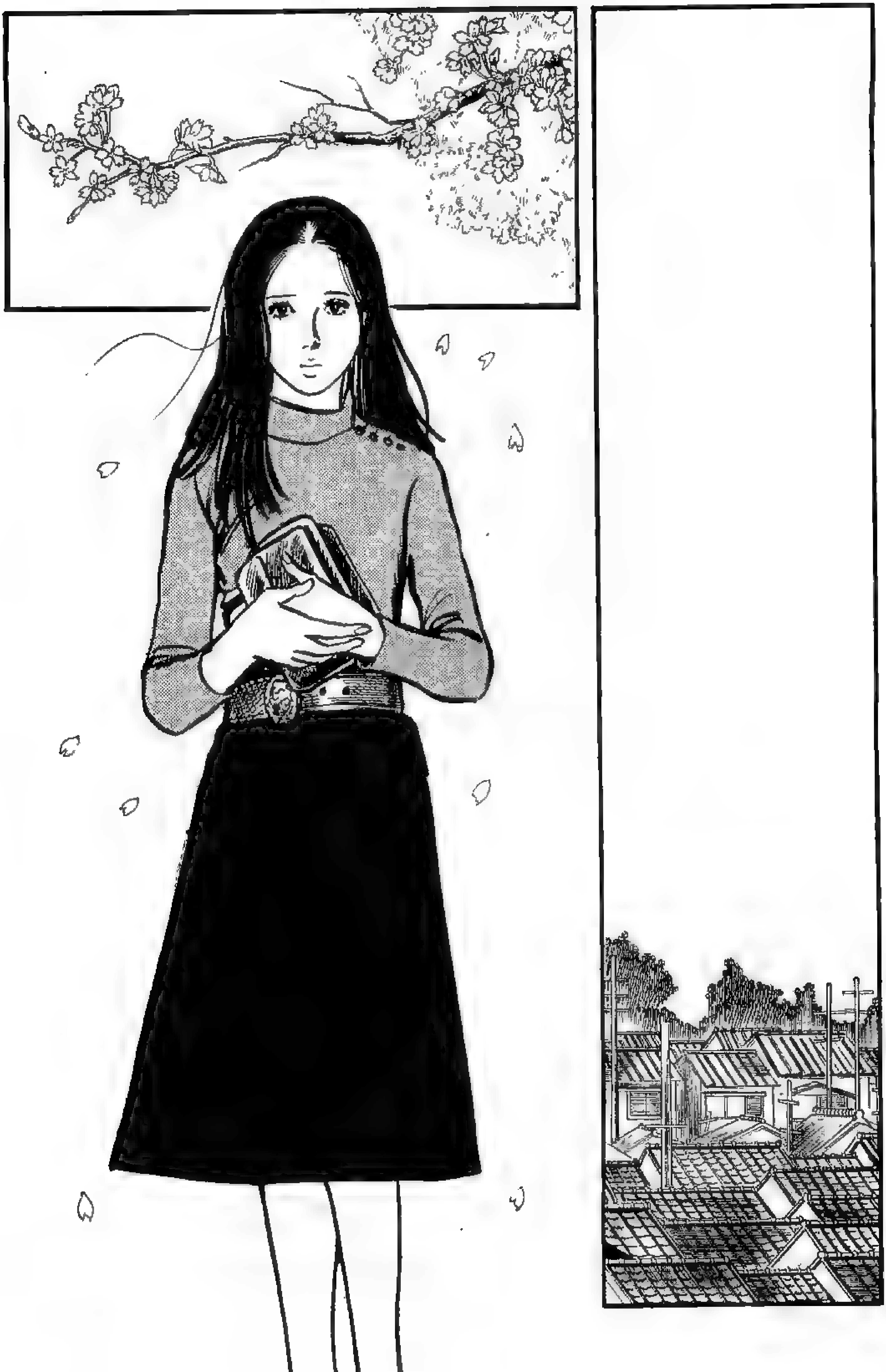
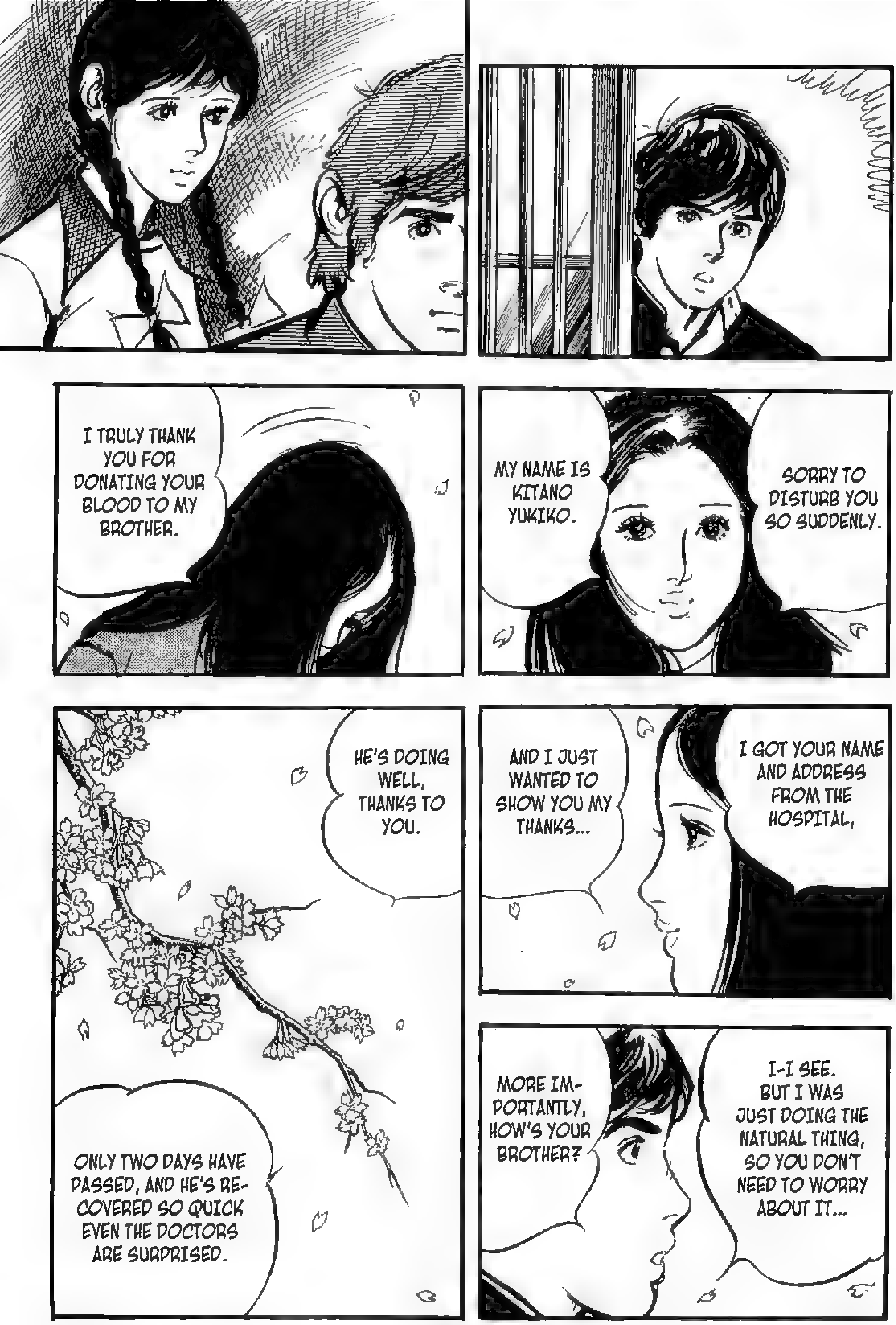
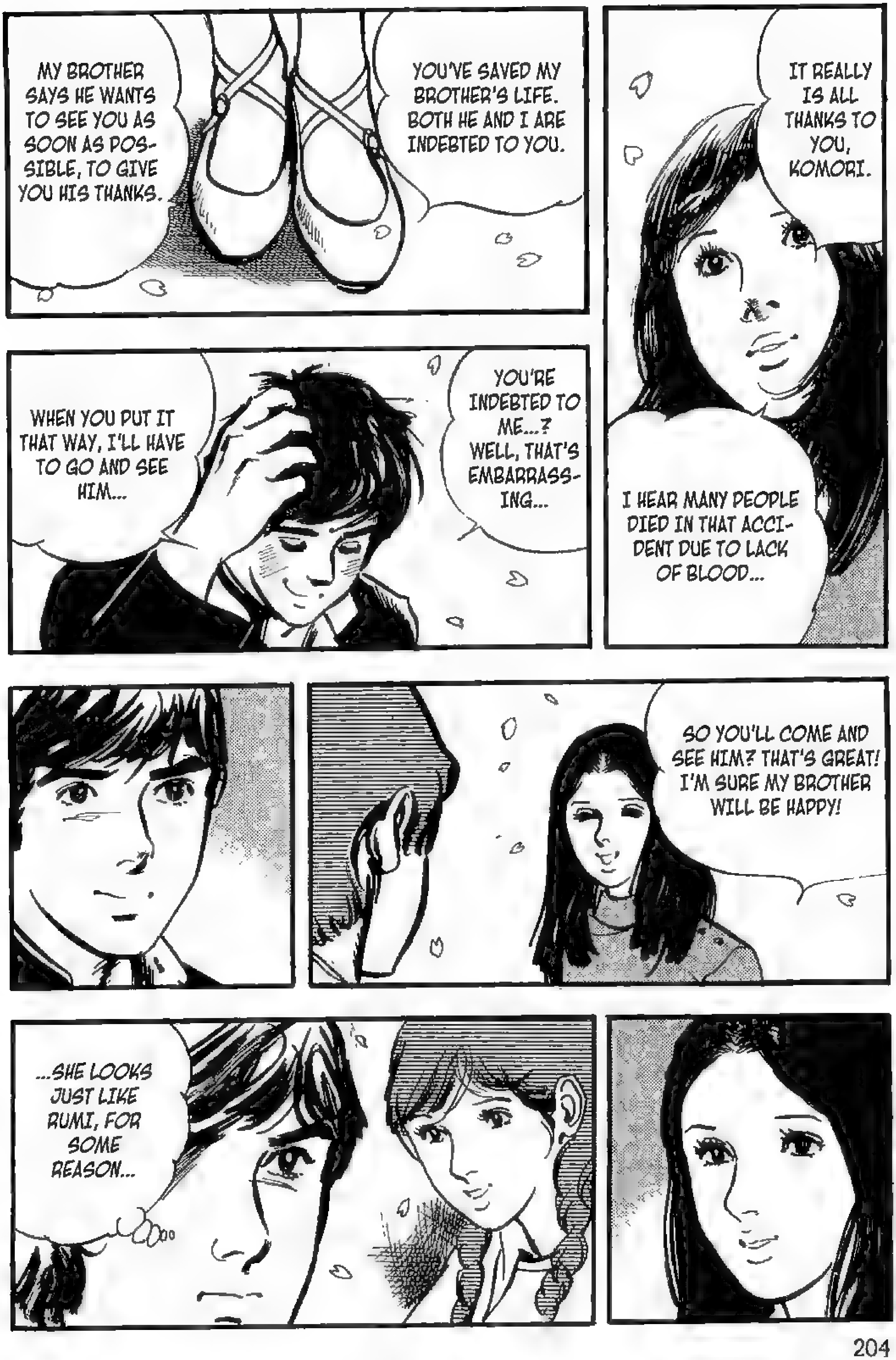


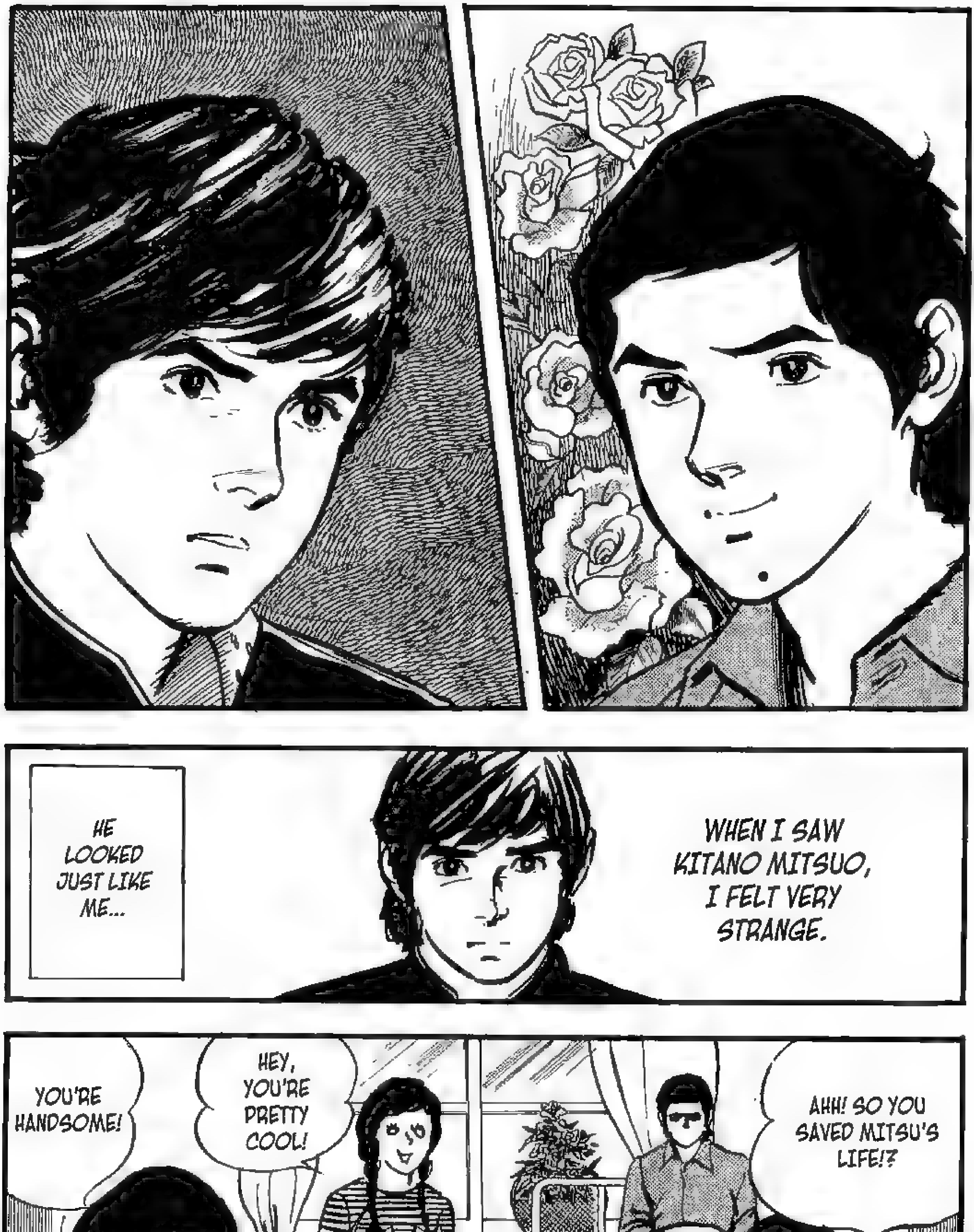


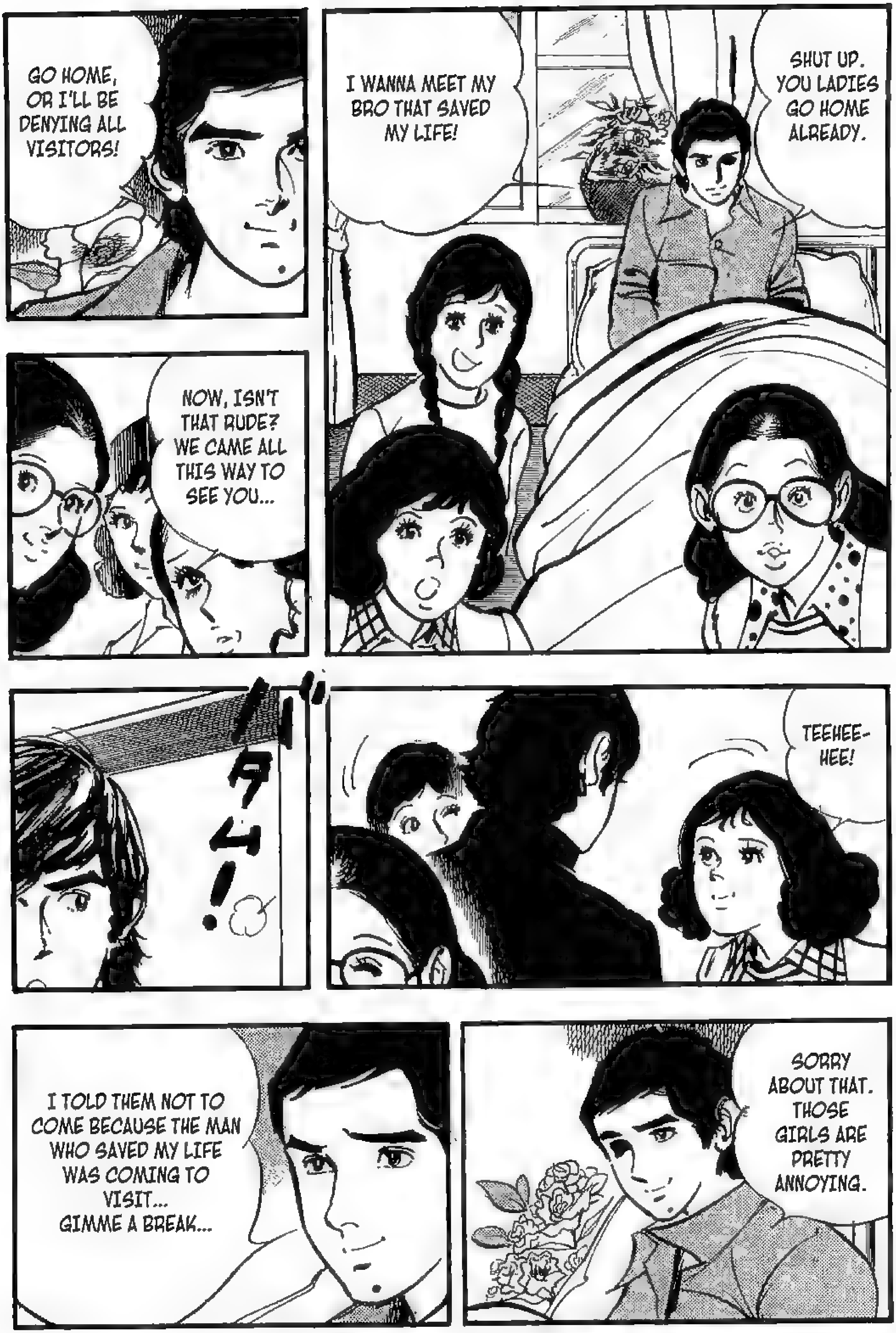


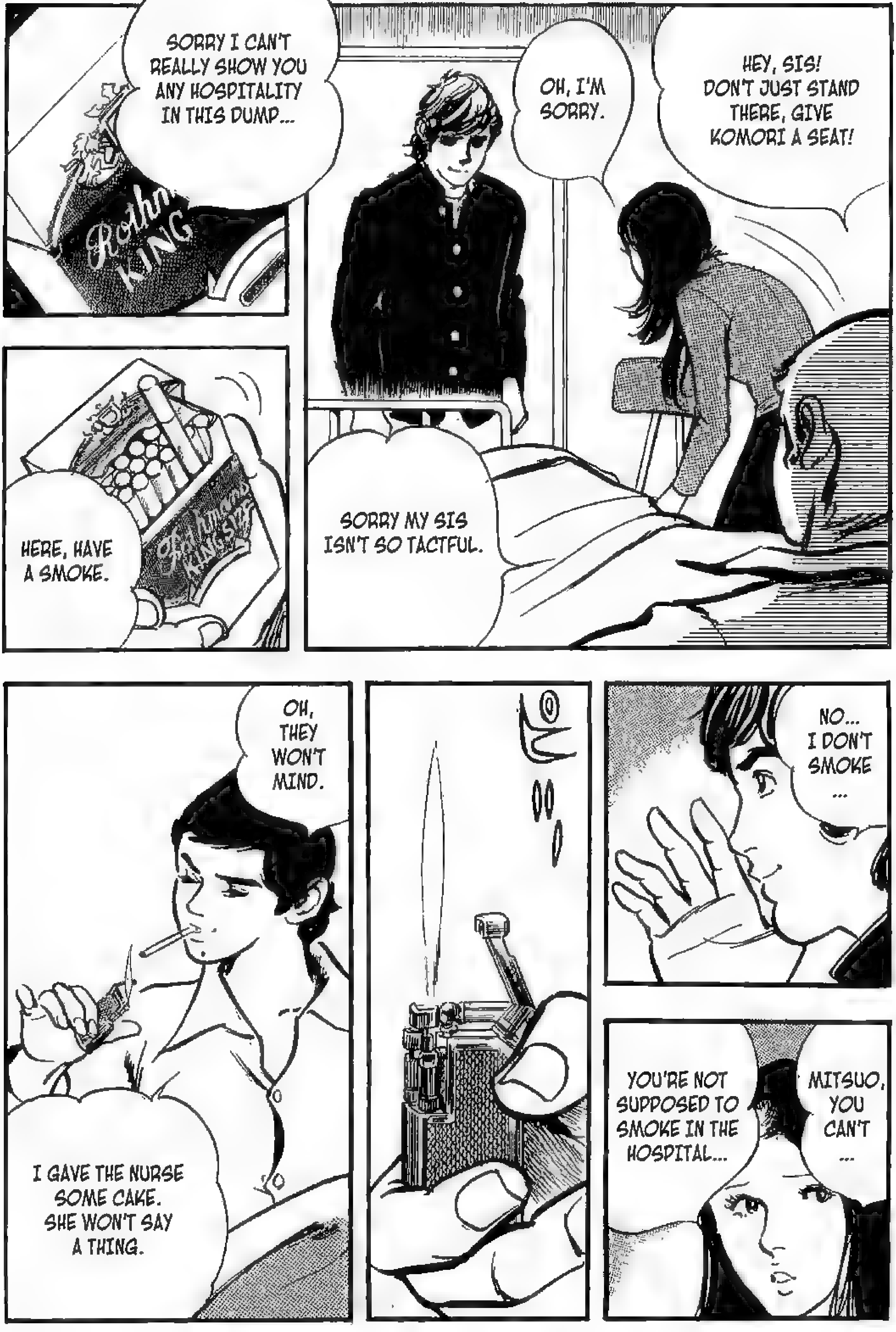


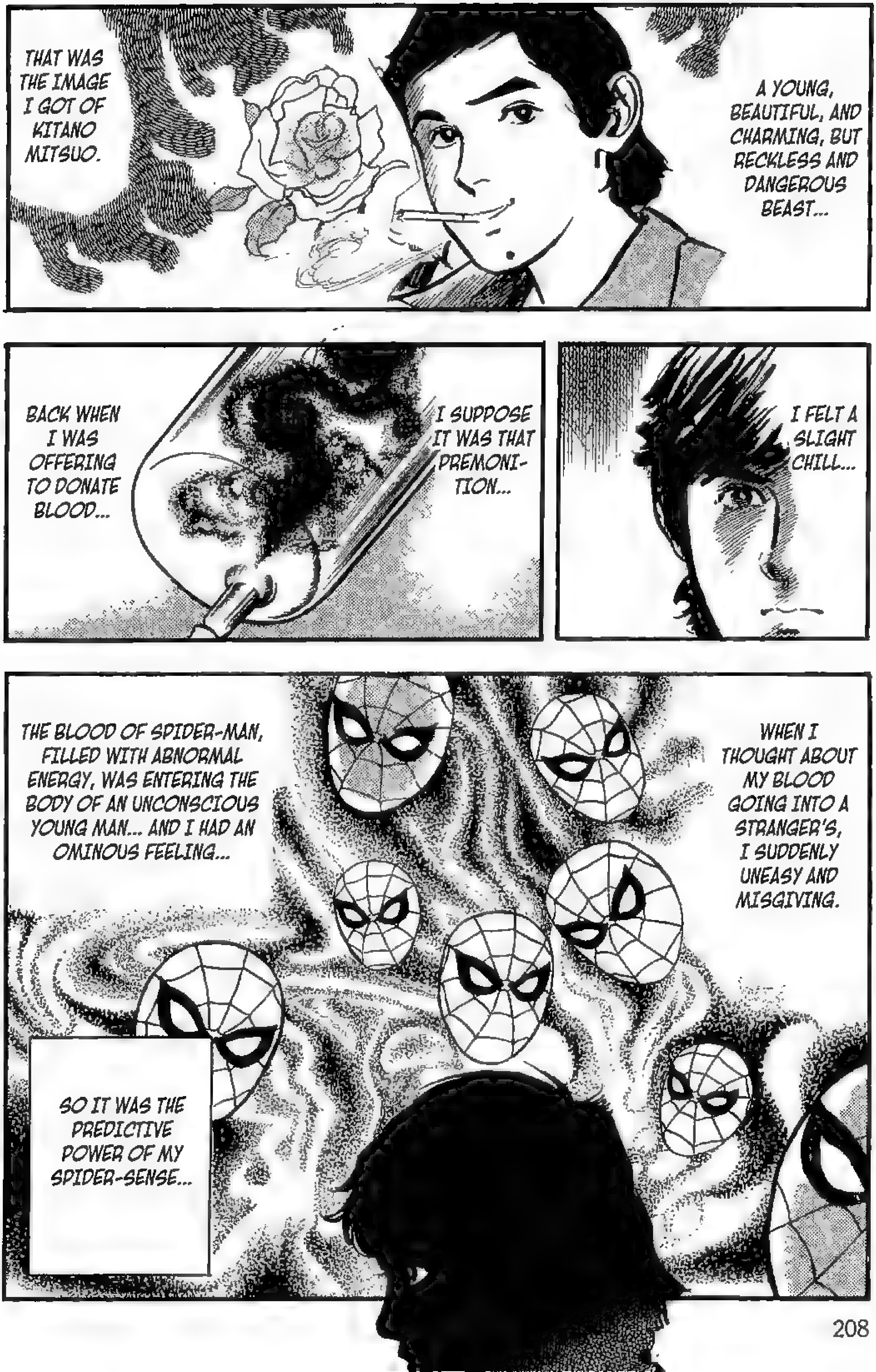

SORRY TO DISTURB YOU SO SUDDENLY.
MY NAME IS KITANO YUKIKO.
I TRULY THANK YOU FOR DONATING YOUR BLOOD TO MY BROTHER.
I GOT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FROM THE HOSPITAL,
AND I JUST WANTED TO SHOW YOU MY THANKS...
I-I SEE. BUT I WAS JUST DOING THE NATURAL THING, SO YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT IT...
MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOW'S YOUR BROTHER?
HE'S DOING WELL, THANKS TO YOU.
ONLY TWO DAYS HAVE PASSED, AND HE'S RECOVERED SO QUICK EVEN THE DOCTORS ARE SURPRISED.

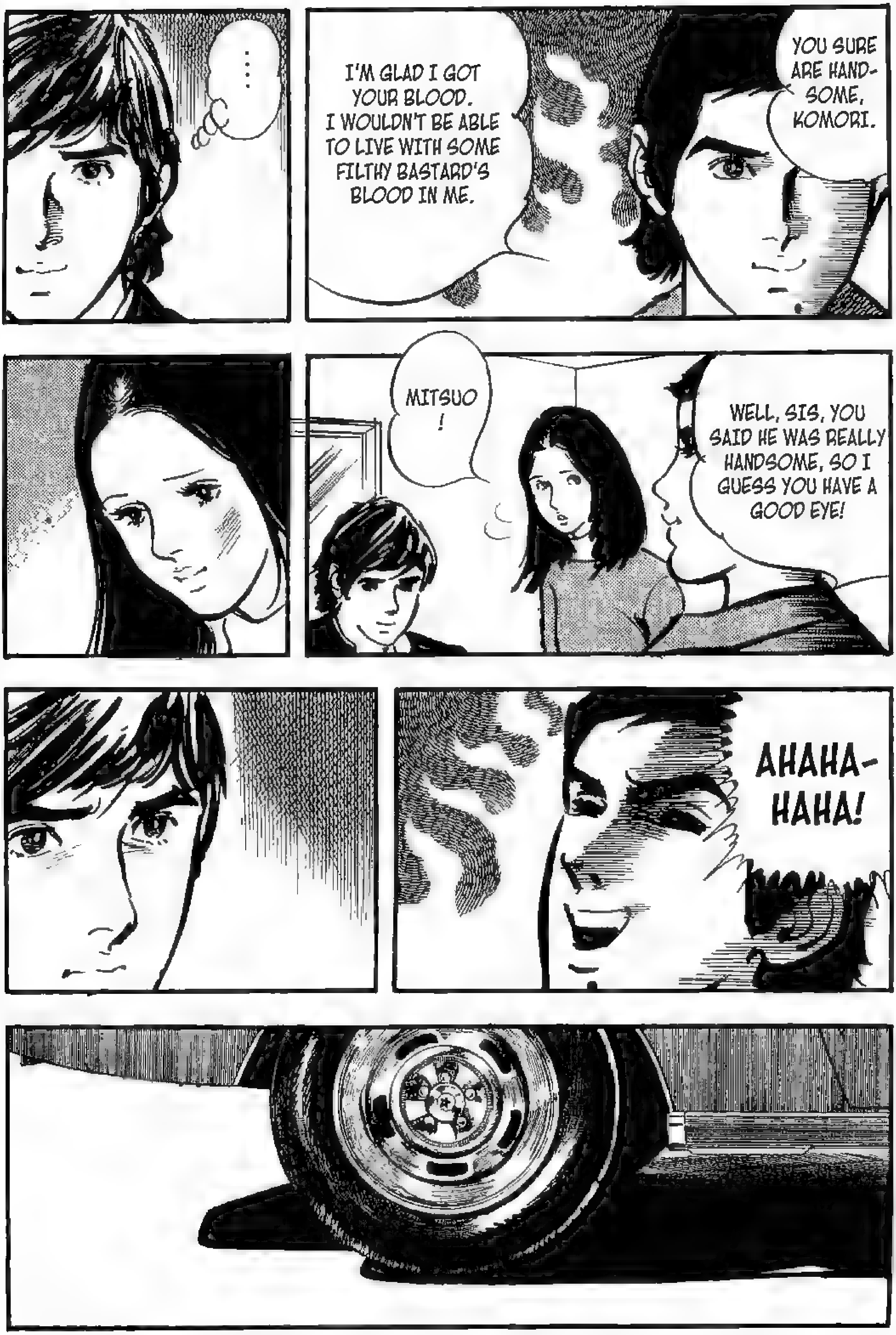

IT REALLY IS ALL THANKS TO YOU, KOMORI.
I HEAR MANY PEOPLE DIED IN THAT ACCIDENT DUE TO LACK OF BLOOD...
YOU'VE SAVED MY BROTHER'S LIFE. BOTH HE AND I ARE INDEBTED TO YOU.
MY BROTHER SAYS HE WANTS TO SEE YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, TO GIVE YOU HIS THANKS.
YOU'RE INDEBTED TO ME...? WELL, THAT'S EMBARRASSING...
WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY, I'LL HAVE TO GO AND SEE HIM...
SO YOU'LL COME AND SEE HIM? THAT'S GREAT! I'M SURE MY BROTHER WILL BE HAPPY!
...SHE LOOKS JUST LIKE RUMI, FOR SOME REASON...

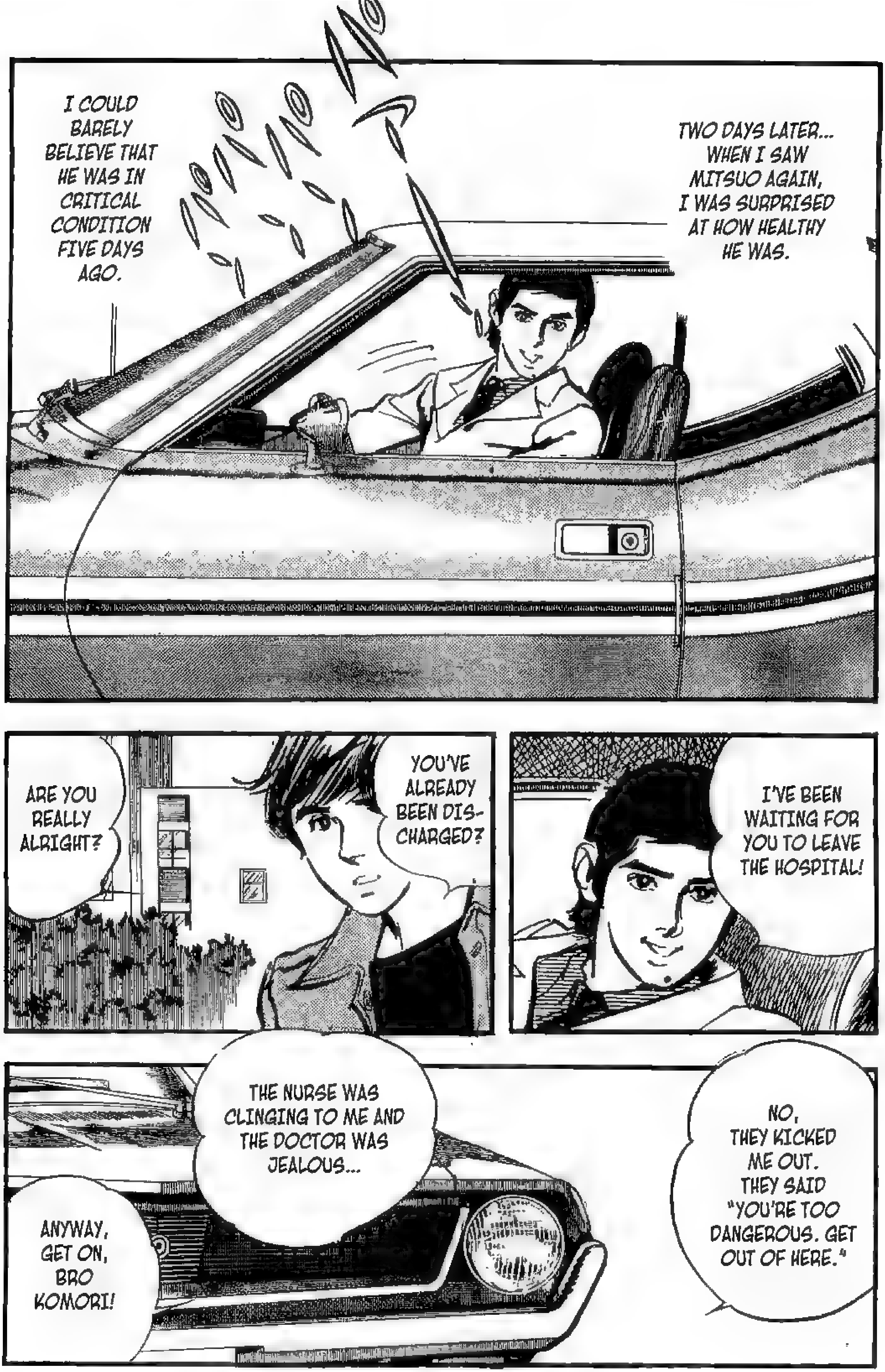

WHEN I SAW KITANO MITSUO, I FELT VERY STRANGE.
HE LOOKED JUST LIKE ME...
AHH! SO YOU SAVED MITSU'S LIFE!?
HEY, YOU'RE PRETTY COOL!
YOU'RE HANDSOME!

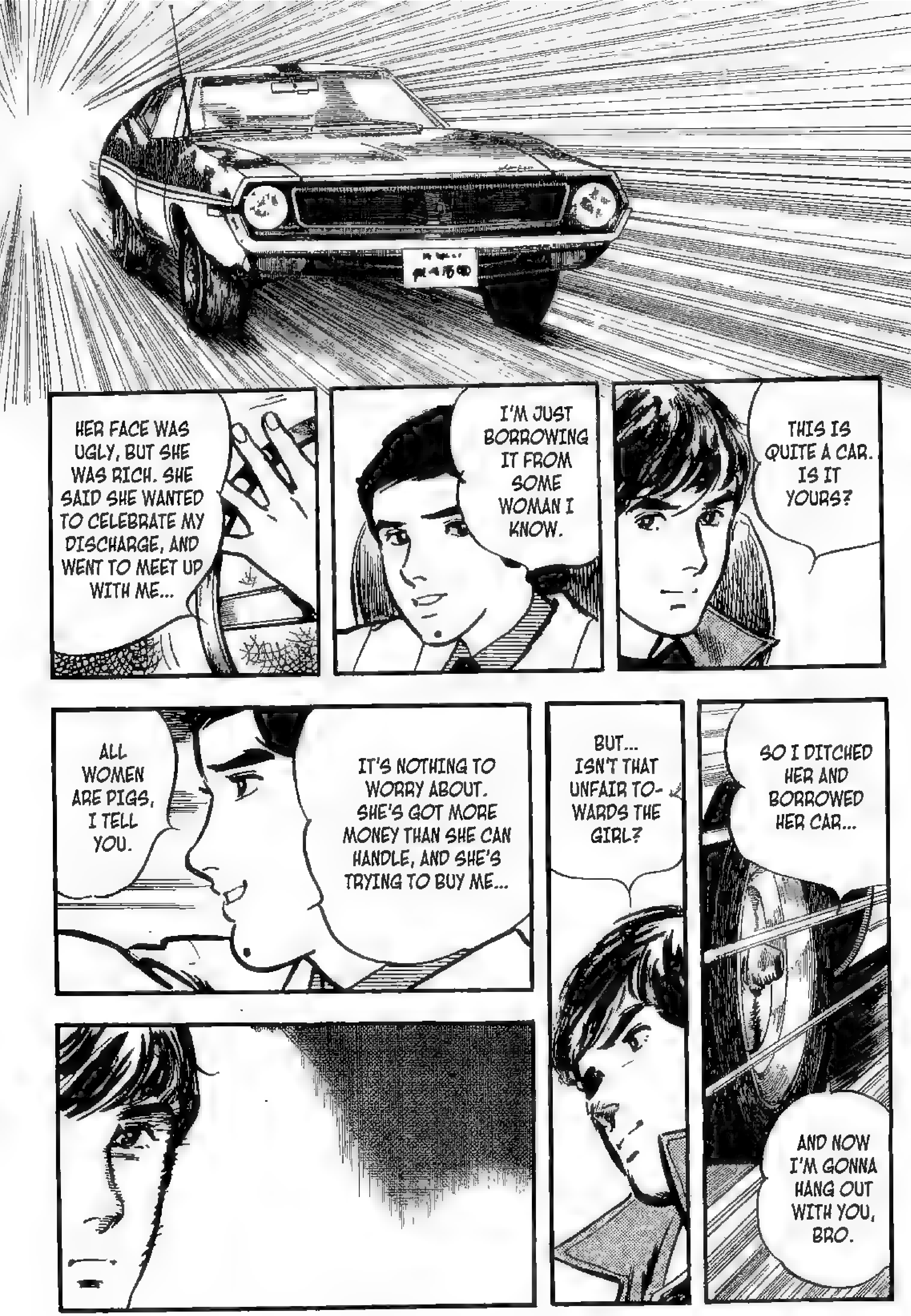

SHUT UP. YOU LADIES GO HOME ALREADY.
I WANNA MEET MY BRO THAT SAVED MY LIFE!
GO HOME, OR I'LL BE DENYING ALL VISITORS!
NOW, ISN'T THAT RUDE? WE CAME ALL THIS WAY TO SEE YOU...
TEEHEE-HEE!
バタム!
SORRY ABOUT THAT. THOSE GIRLS ARE PRETTY ANNOYING.
I TOLD THEM NOT TO COME BECAUSE THE MAN WHO SAVED MY LIFE WAS COMING TO VISIT... GIMME A BREAK...

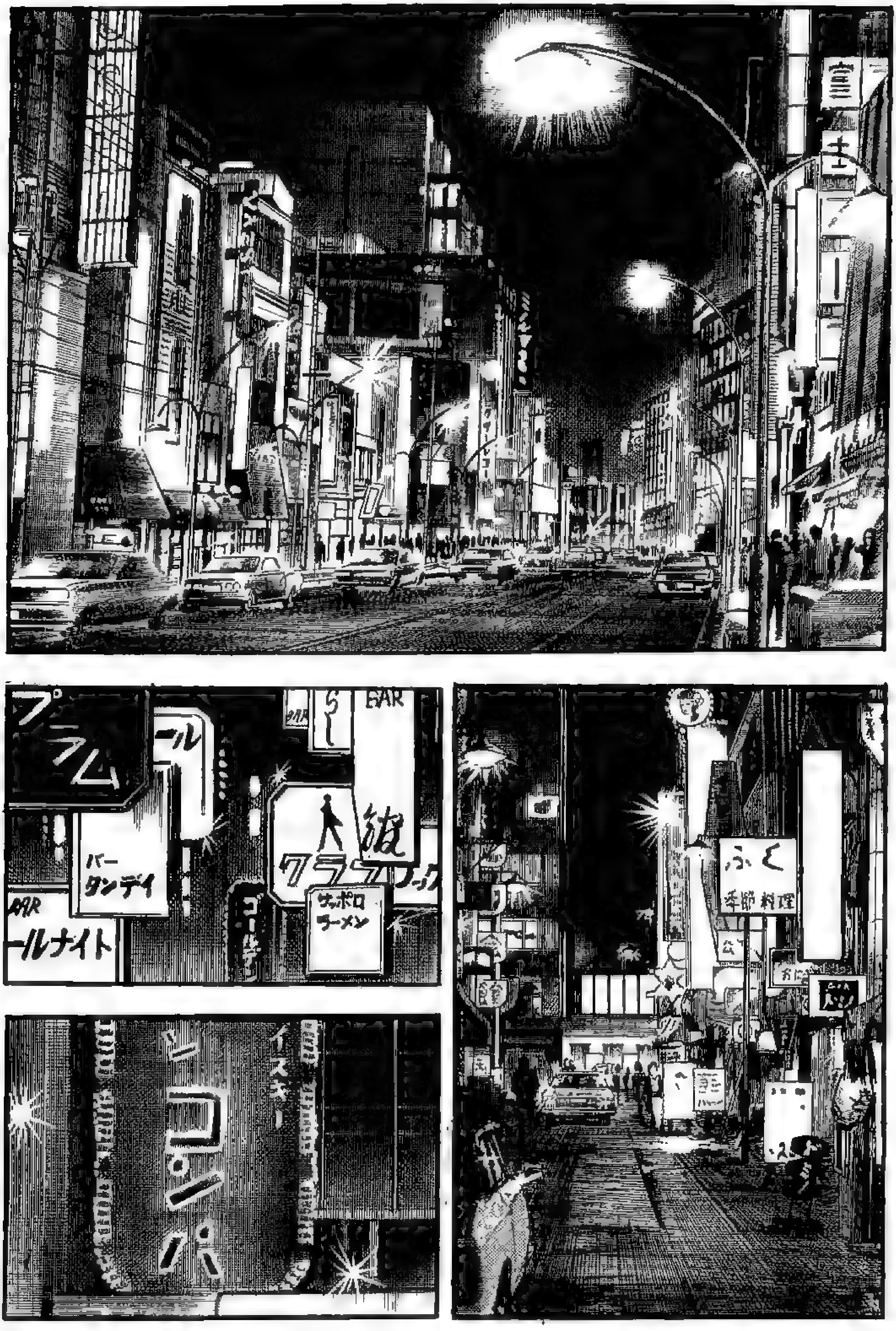

HEY, SIS! DON'T JUST STAND THERE, GIVE KOMORI A SEAT!
OH, I'M SORRY.
SORRY MY SIS ISN'T SO TACTFUL.
SORRY I CAN'T REALLY SHOW YOU ANY HOSPITALITY IN THIS DUMP...
HERE, HAVE A SMOKE.
NO... I DON'T SMOKE ...
MITSUO, YOU CAN'T ...
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO SMOKE IN THE HOSPITAL...
OH, THEY WON'T MIND.
I GAVE THE NURSE SOME CAKE. SHE WON'T SAY A THING.


THAT WAS THE IMAGE I GOT OF KITANO MITSUO.
A YOUNG, BEAUTIFUL, AND CHARMING, BUT RECKLESS AND DANGEROUS BEAST...
BACK WHEN I WAS OFFERING TO DONATE BLOOD...
I SUPPOSE IT WAS THAT PREMONITION...
I FELT A SLIGHT CHILL...
THE BLOOD OF SPIDER-MAN, FILLED WITH ABNORMAL ENERGY, WAS ENTERING THE BODY OF AN UNCONSCIOUS YOUNG MAN... AND I HAD AN OMINOUS FEELING...
WHEN I THOUGHT ABOUT MY BLOOD GOING INTO A STRANGER'S, I SUDDENLY UNEASY AND MISGIVING.
SO IT WAS THE PREDICTIVE POWER OF MY SPIDER-SENSE...


YOU SURE ARE HANDSOME, KOMORI.
I'M GLAD I GOT YOUR BLOOD. I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO LIVE WITH SOME FILTHY BASTARD'S BLOOD IN ME.
....
WELL, SIS, YOU SAID HE WAS REALLY HANDSOME, SO I GUESS YOU HAVE A GOOD EYE!
MITSUO!
AHAHA-HAHA!


TWO DAYS LATER... WHEN I SAW MITSUO AGAIN, I WAS SURPRISED AT HOW HEALTHY HE WAS.
I COULD BARELY BELIEVE THAT HE WAS IN CRITICAL CONDITION FIVE DAYS AGO.
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU TO LEAVE THE HOSPITAL!
YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN DISCHARGED?
ARE YOU REALLY ALRIGHT?
NO, THEY KICKED ME OUT. THEY SAID "YOU'RE TOO DANGEROUS. GET OUT OF HERE."
THE NURSE WAS CLINGING TO ME AND THE DOCTOR WAS JEALOUS...
ANYWAY, GET ON, BRO KOMORI!


THIS IS QUITE A CAR. IS IT YOURS?
I'M JUST BORROWING IT FROM SOME WOMAN I KNOW.
HER FACE WAS UGLY, BUT SHE WAS RICH. SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO CELEBRATE MY DISCHARGE, AND WENT TO MEET UP WITH ME...
SO I DITCHED HER AND BORROWED HER CAR...
AND NOW I'M GONNA HANG OUT WITH YOU, BRO.
BUT... ISN'T THAT UNFAIR TOWARDS THE GIRL?
IT'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. SHE'S GOT MORE MONEY THAN SHE CAN HANDLE, AND SHE'S TRYING TO BUY ME...
ALL WOMEN ARE PIGS, I TELL YOU.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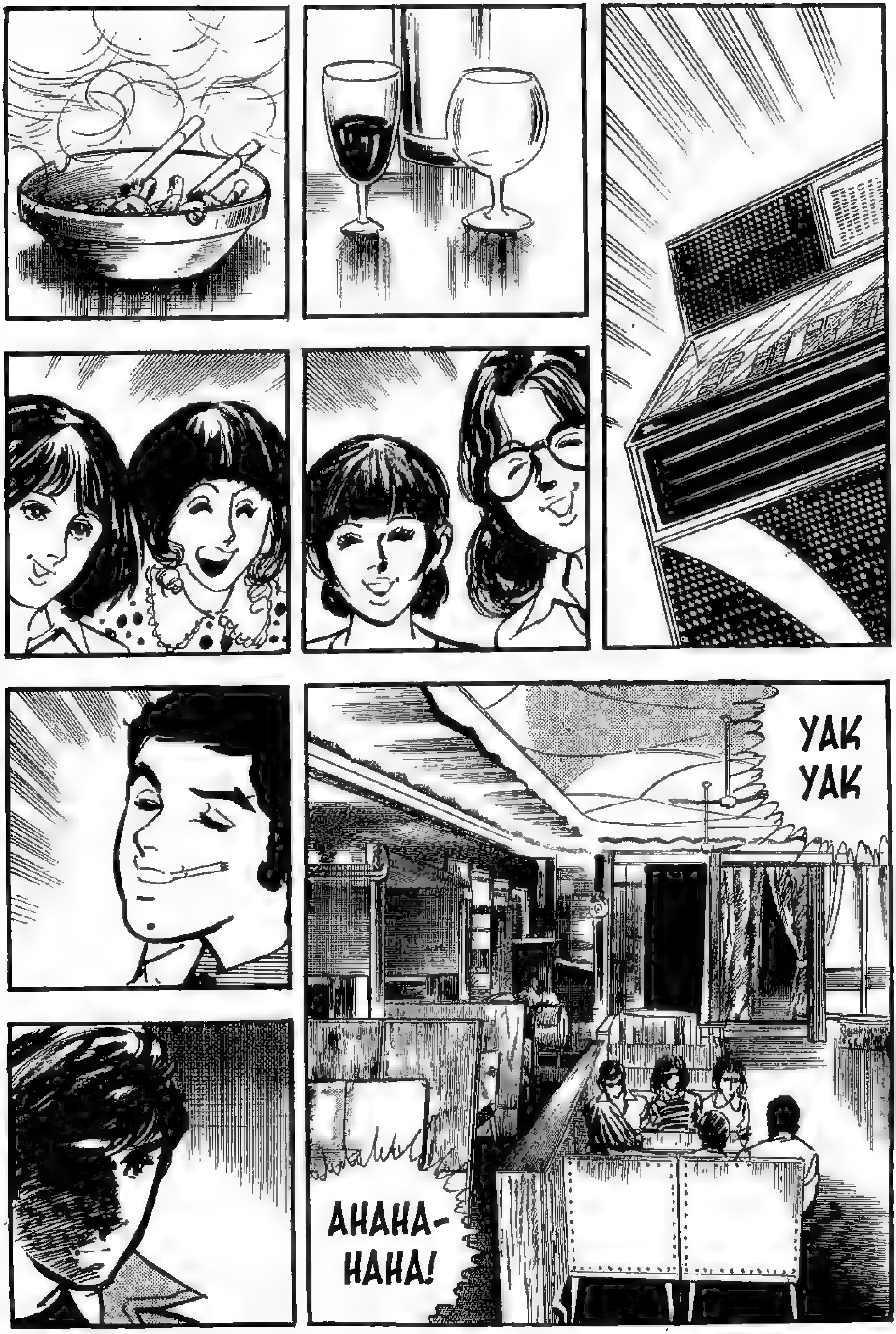
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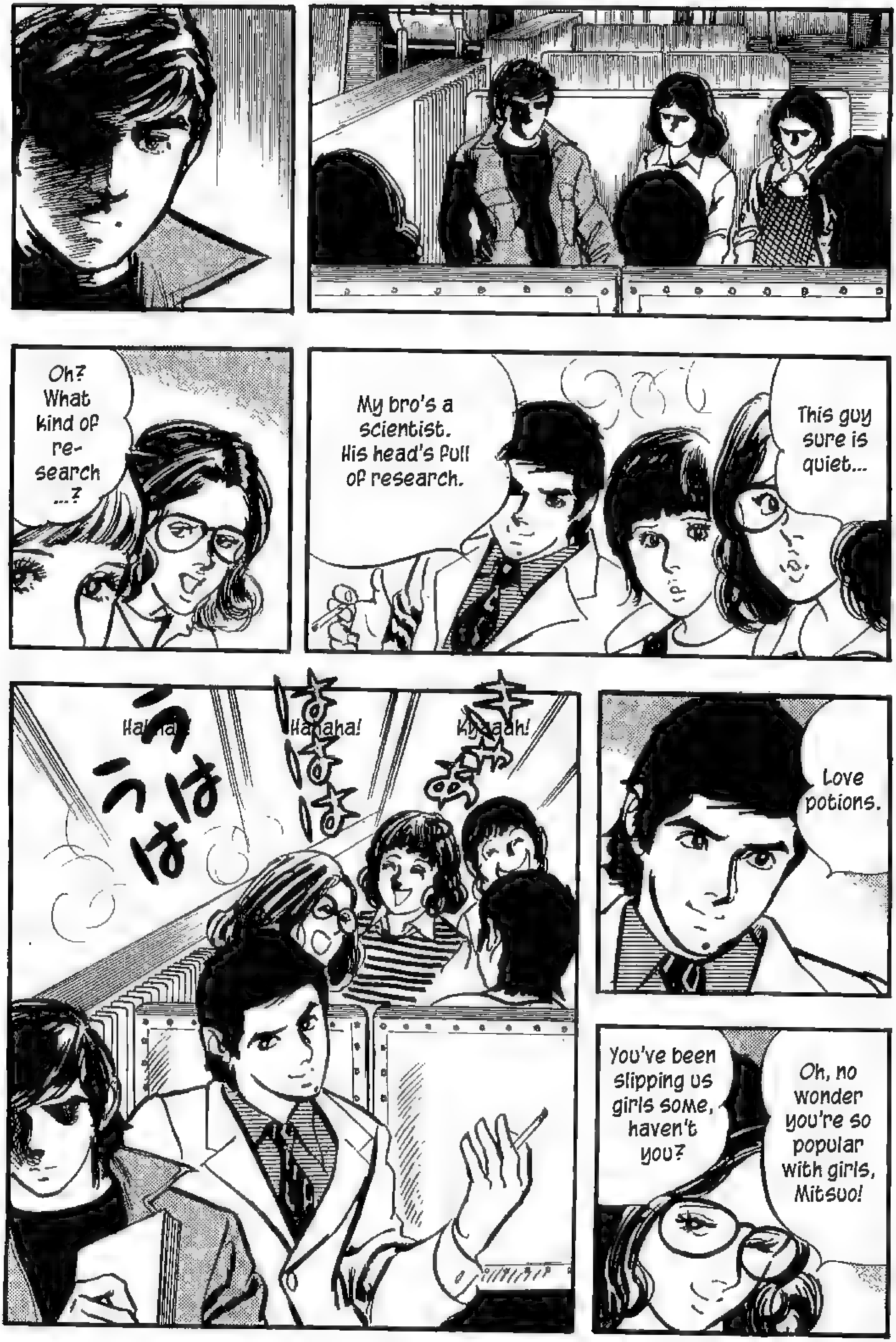
This guy sure is quiet...
My bro's a scientist. His head's full of research.
Oh? What kind of research...?
Love potions.
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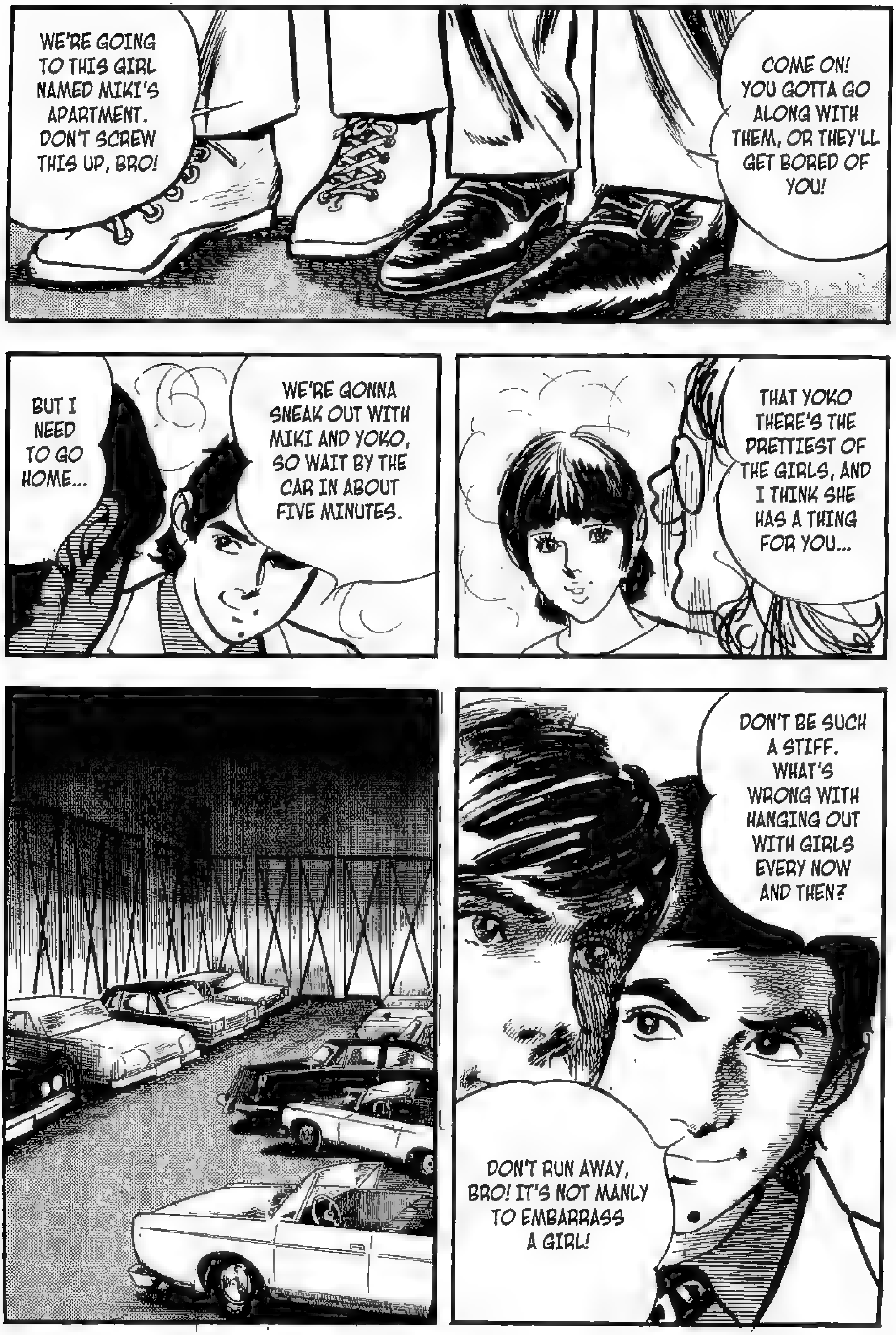
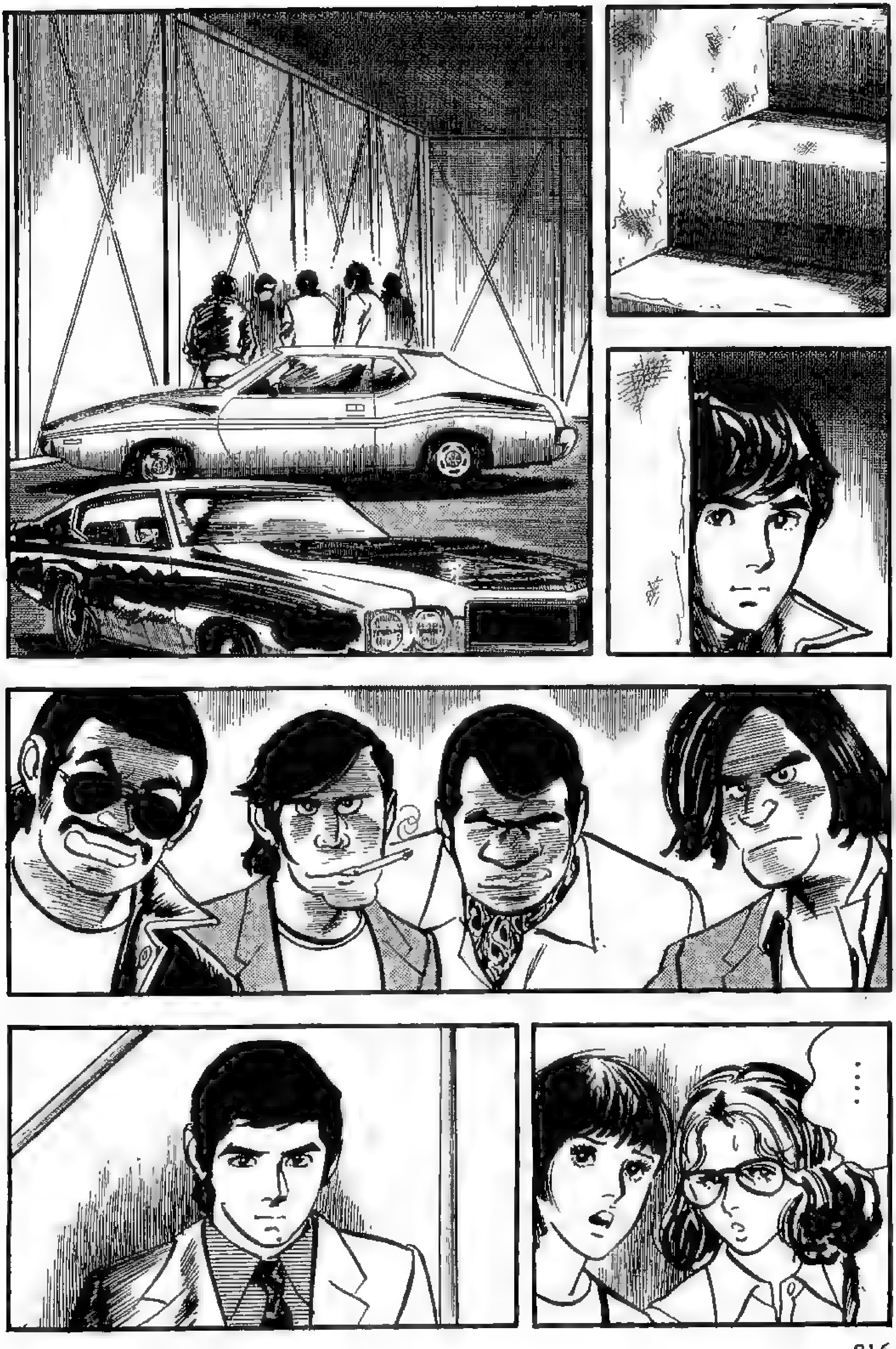
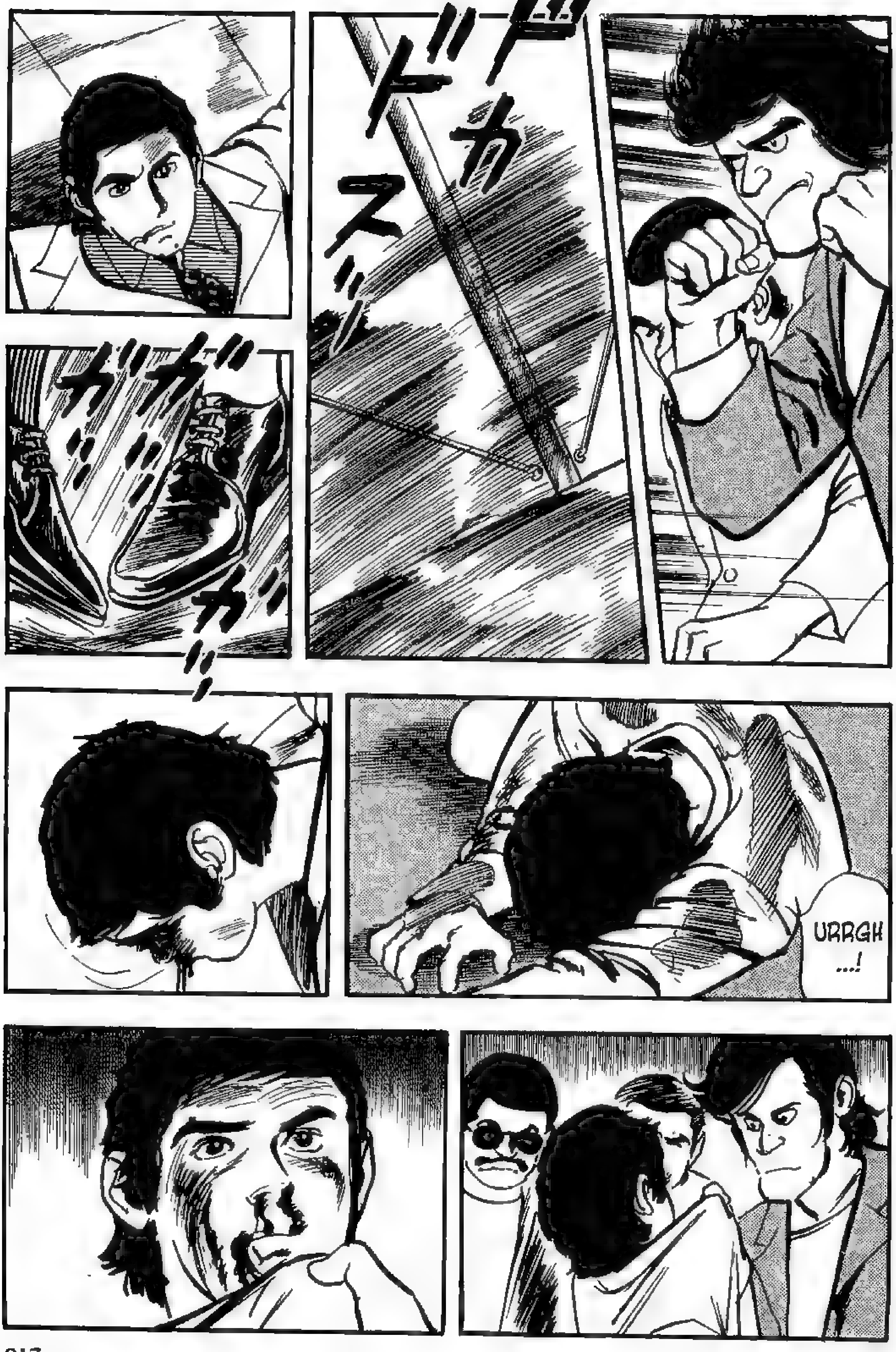
Hahaha!
Oh, no wonder you're so popular with girls, Mitsuo!
You've been slipping us girls some, haven't you?


WE'RE GOING TO THIS GIRL NAMED MIKI'S APARTMENT. DON'T SCREW THIS UP, BRO!
COME ON! YOU GOTTA GO ALONG WITH THEM, OR THEY'LL GET BORED OF YOU!
BUT I NEED TO GO HOME...
WE'RE GONNA SNEAK OUT WITH MIKI AND YOKO, SO WAIT BY THE CAR IN ABOUT FIVE MINUTES.
THAT YOKO THERE'S THE PRETTIEST OF THE GIRLS, AND I THINK SHE HAS A THING FOR YOU...
DON'T BE SUCH A STIFF. WHAT'S WRONG WITH HANGING OUT WITH GIRLS EVERY NOW AND THEN?
DON'T RUN AWAY, BRO! IT'S NOT MANLY TO EMBARRASS A GIRL!

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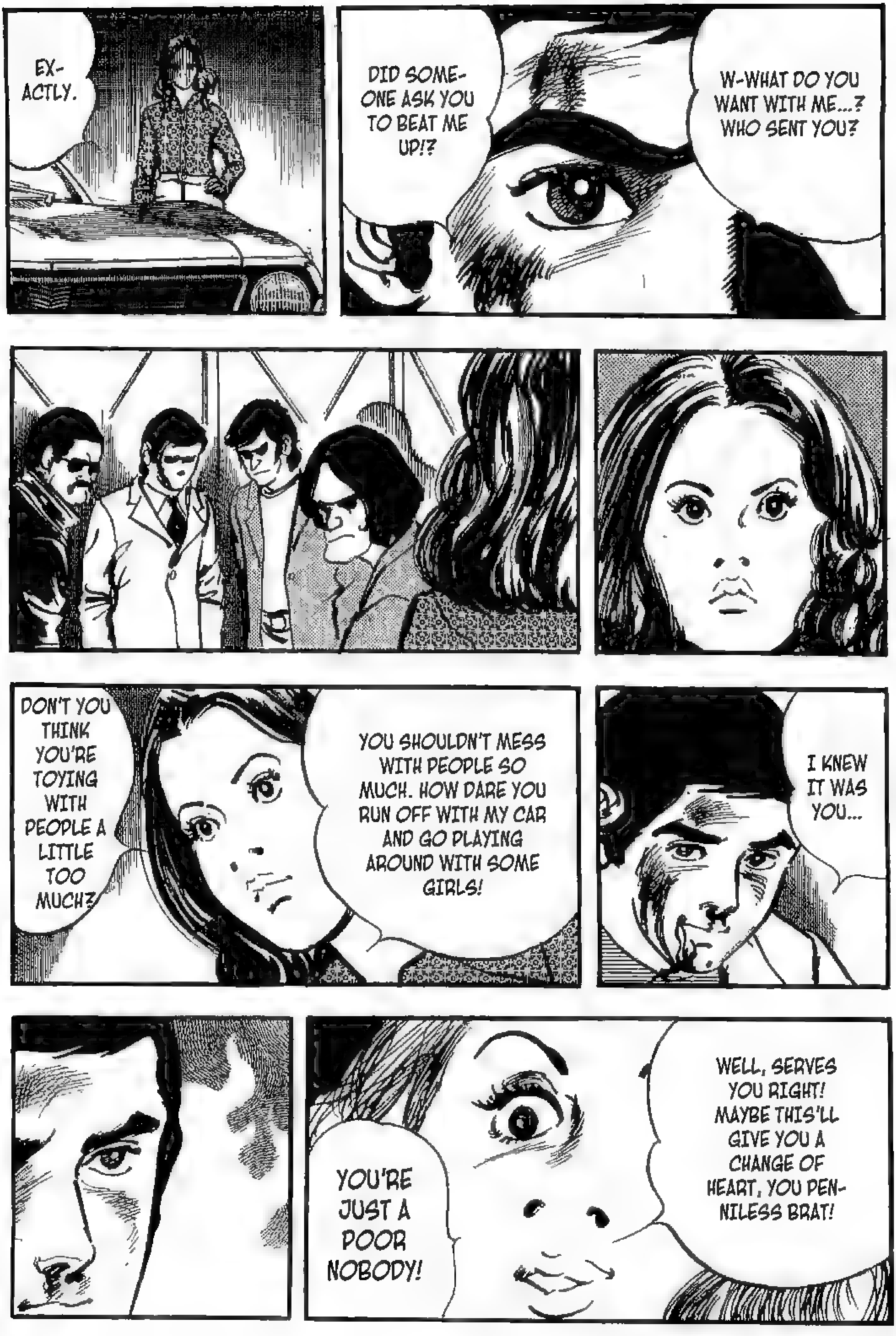
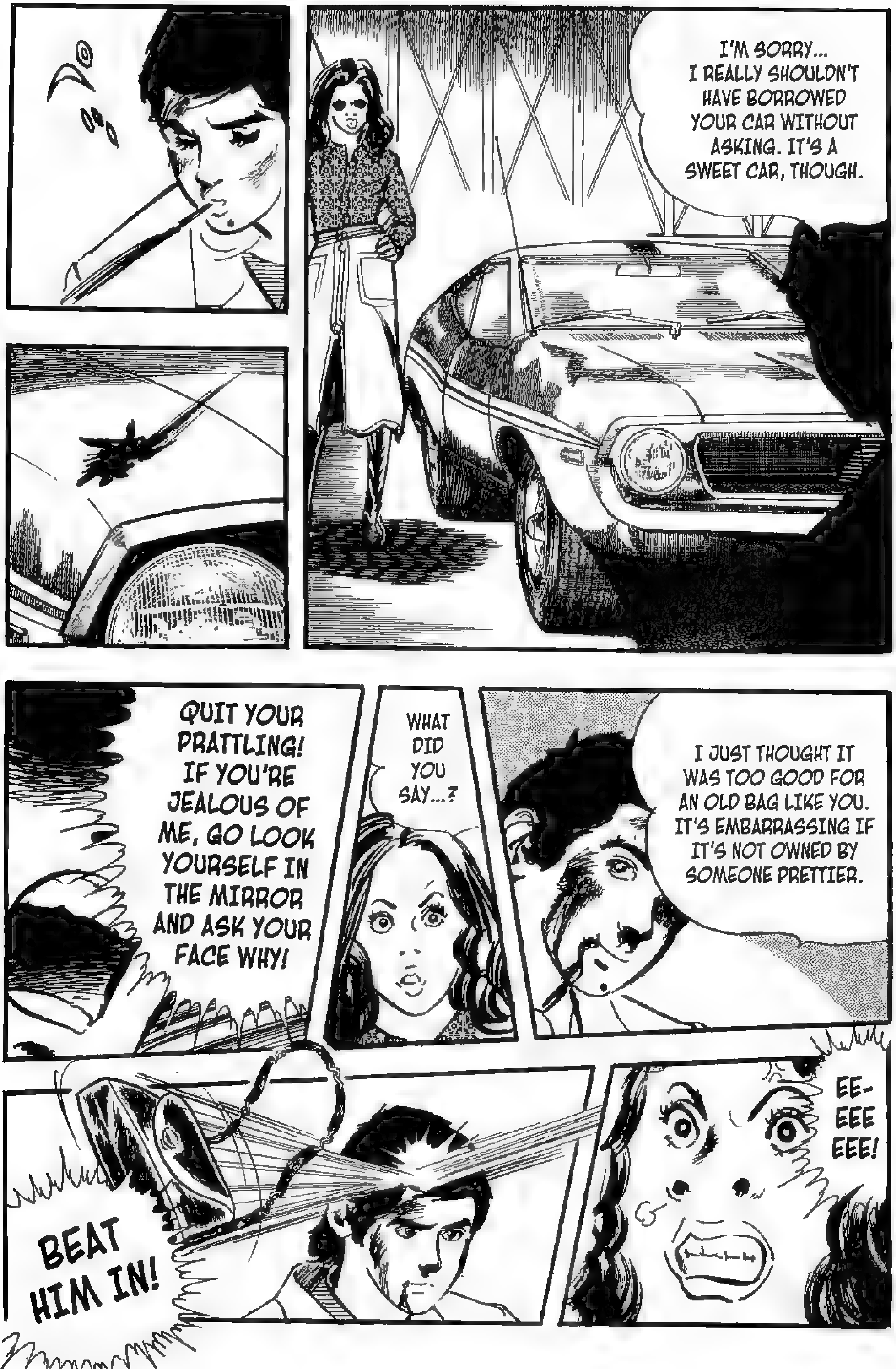
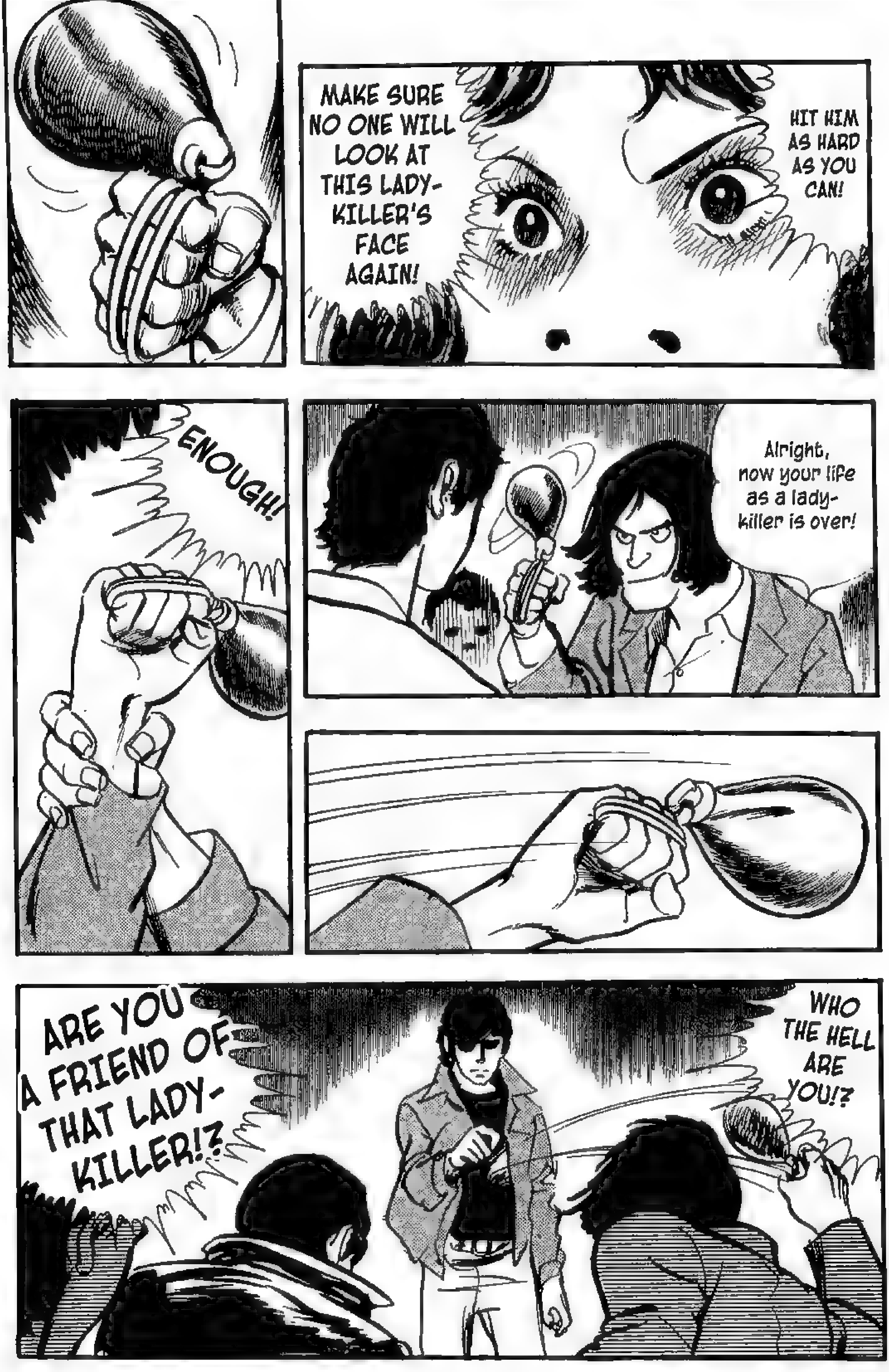
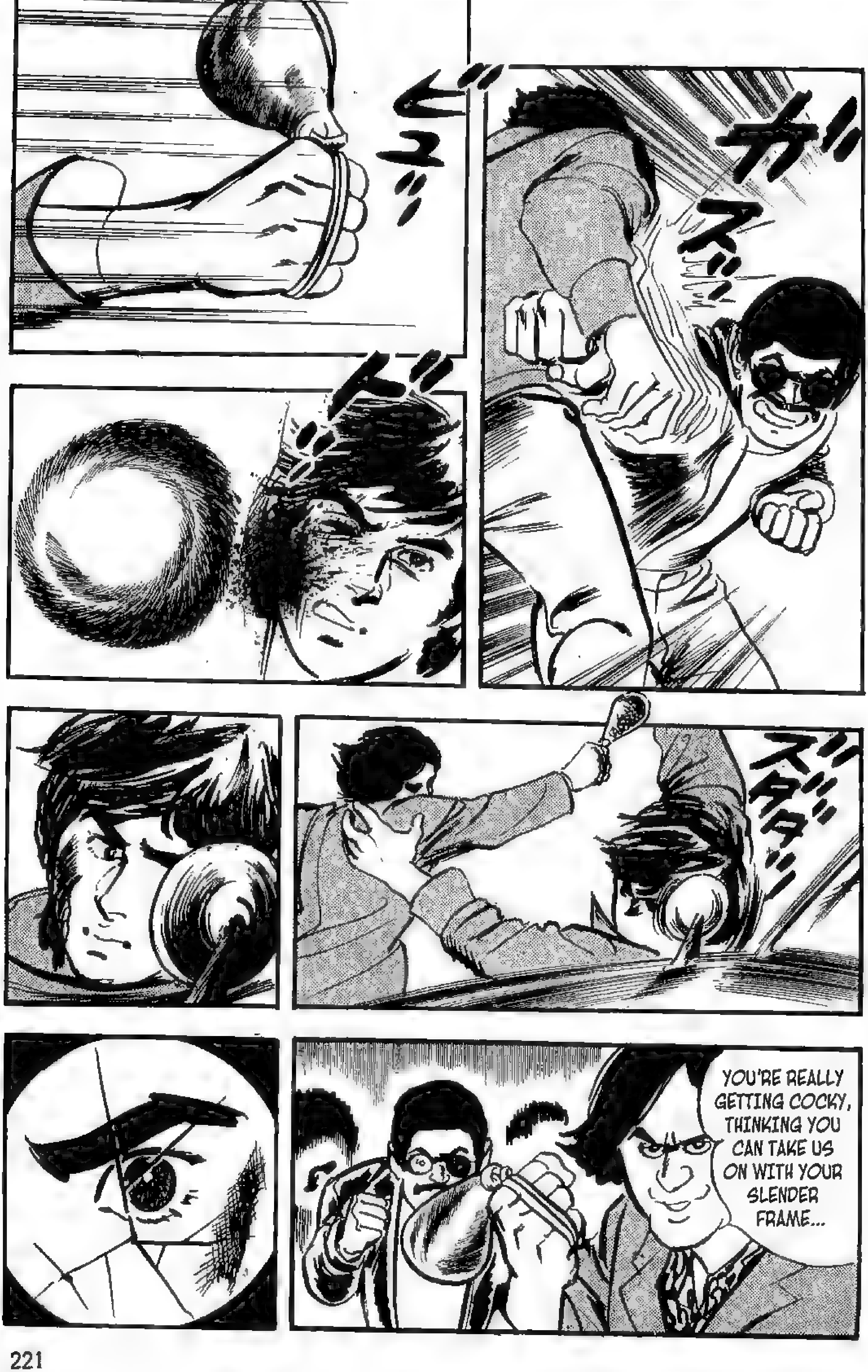

W-WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME...? WHO SENT YOU?
DID SOMEONE ASK YOU TO BEAT ME UP!?
EXACTLY.
I KNEW IT WAS YOU...
YOU SHOULDN'T MESS WITH PEOPLE SO MUCH. HOW DARE YOU RUN OFF WITH MY CAR AND GO PLAYING AROUND WITH SOME GIRLS!
DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE TOYING WITH PEOPLE A LITTLE TOO MUCH?
WELL, SERVES YOU RIGHT! MAYBE THIS'LL GIVE YOU A CHANGE OF HEART, YOU PENNILESS BRAT!
YOU'RE JUST A POOR NOBODY!


I'M SORRY... I REALLY SHOULDN'T HAVE BORROWED YOUR CAR WITHOUT ASKING. IT'S A SWEET CAR, THOUGH.
I JUST THOUGHT IT WAS TOO GOOD FOR AN OLD BAG LIKE YOU. IT'S EMBARRASSING IF IT'S NOT OWNED BY SOMEONE PRETTIER.
WHAT DID YOU SAY...?
QUIT YOUR PRATTLING! IF YOU'RE JEALOUS OF ME, GO LOOK YOURSELF IN THE MIRROR AND ASK YOUR FACE WHY!
EE-EEE EEE!
BEAT HIM IN!


MAKE SURE NO ONE WILL LOOK AT THIS LADY-KILLER'S FACE AGAIN!
HIT HIM AS HARD AS YOU CAN!
Alright, now your life as a lady-killer is over!
ENOUGH!
ARE YOU A FRIEND OF THAT LADY-KILLER!?
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU!?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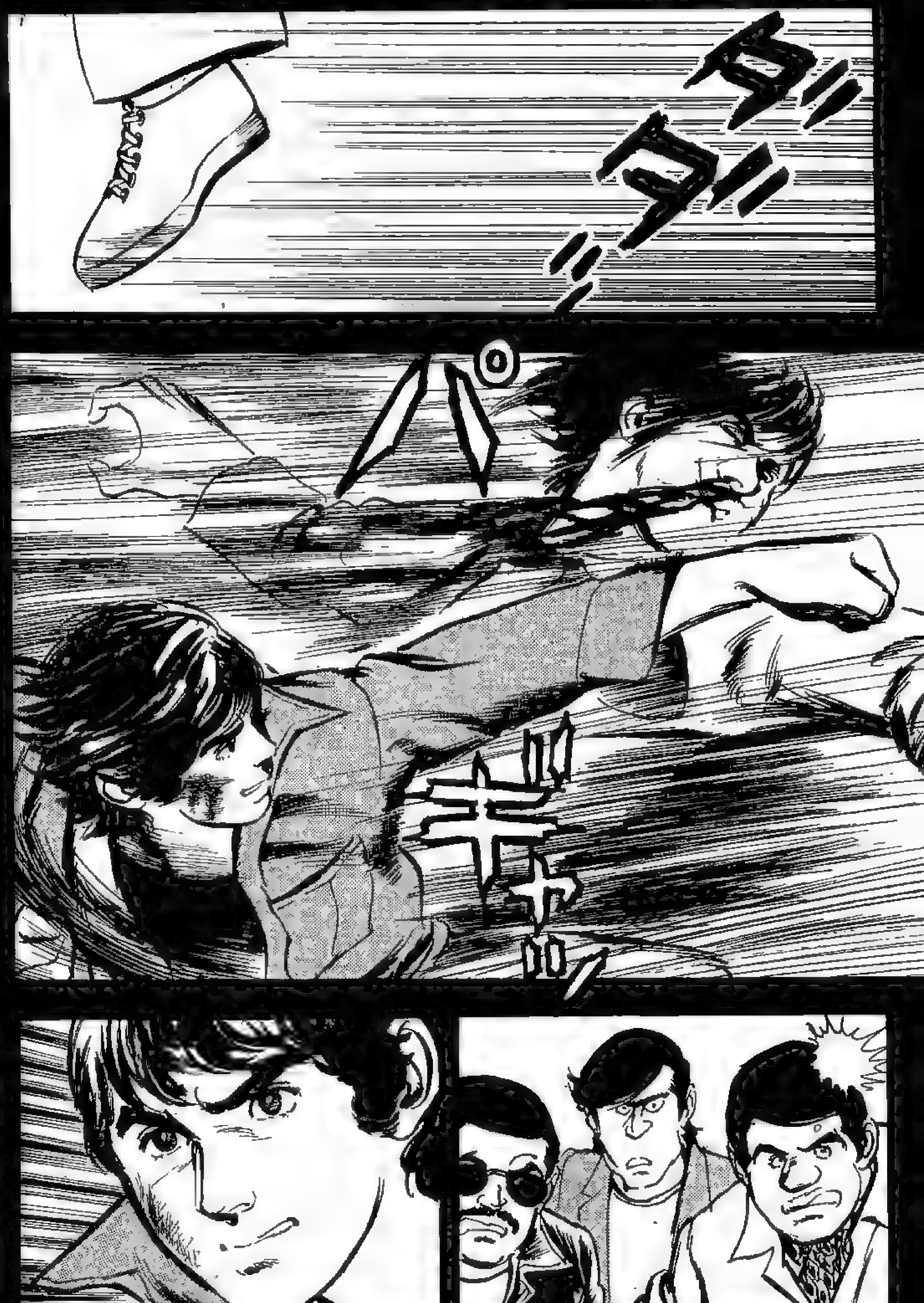
YOU'RE REALLY GETTING COCKY, THINKING YOU CAN TAKE US ON WITH YOUR SLENDER FRAME...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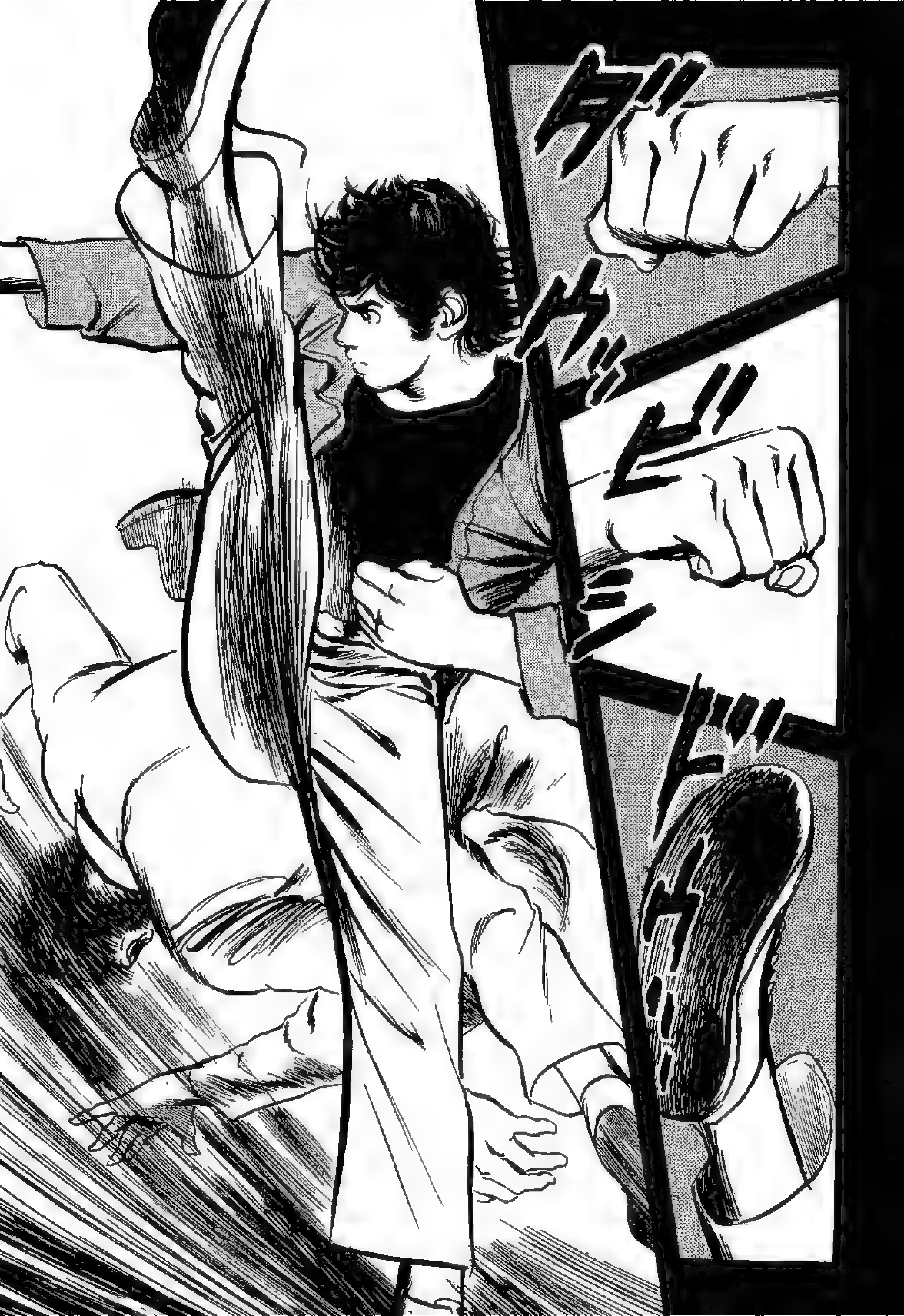
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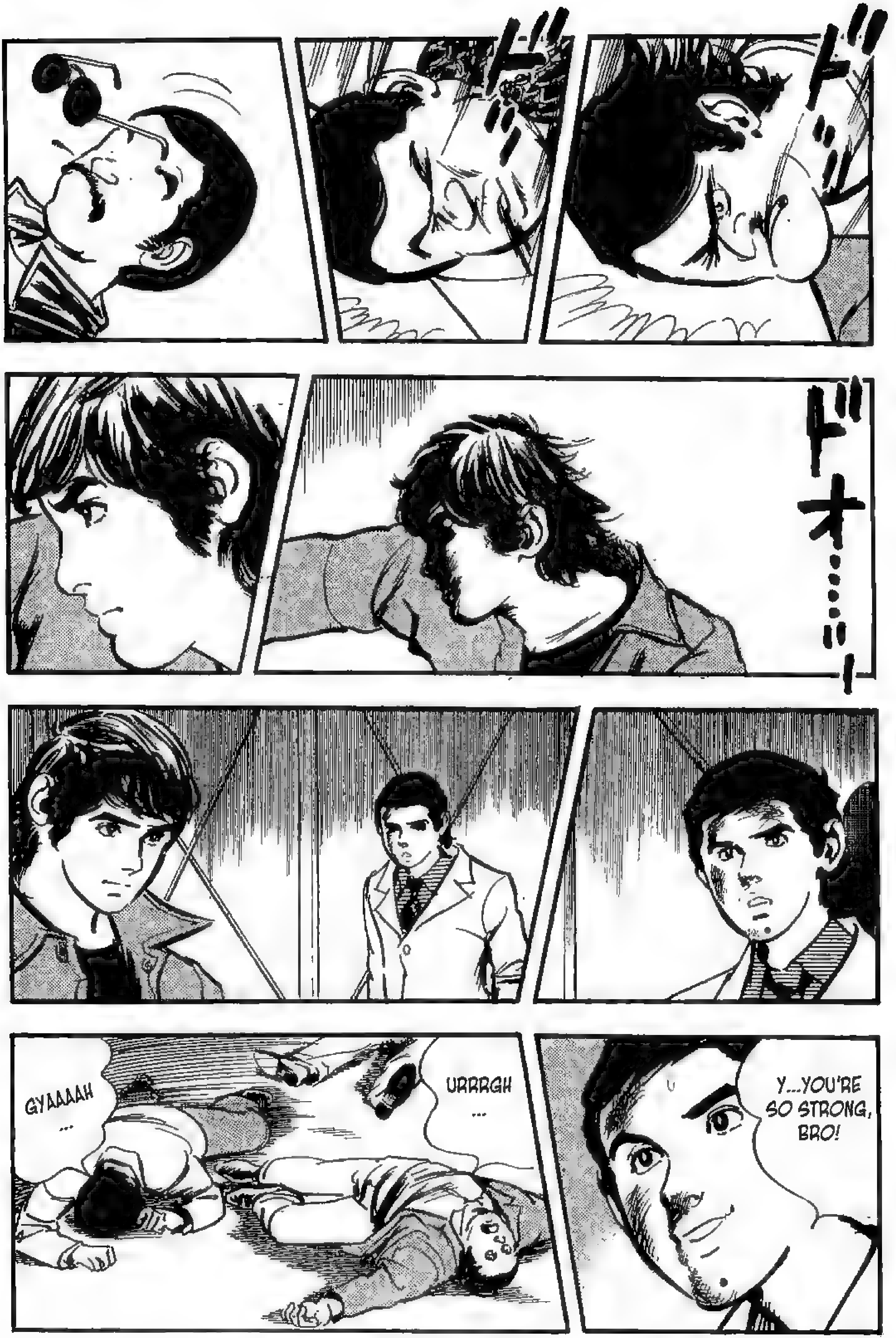
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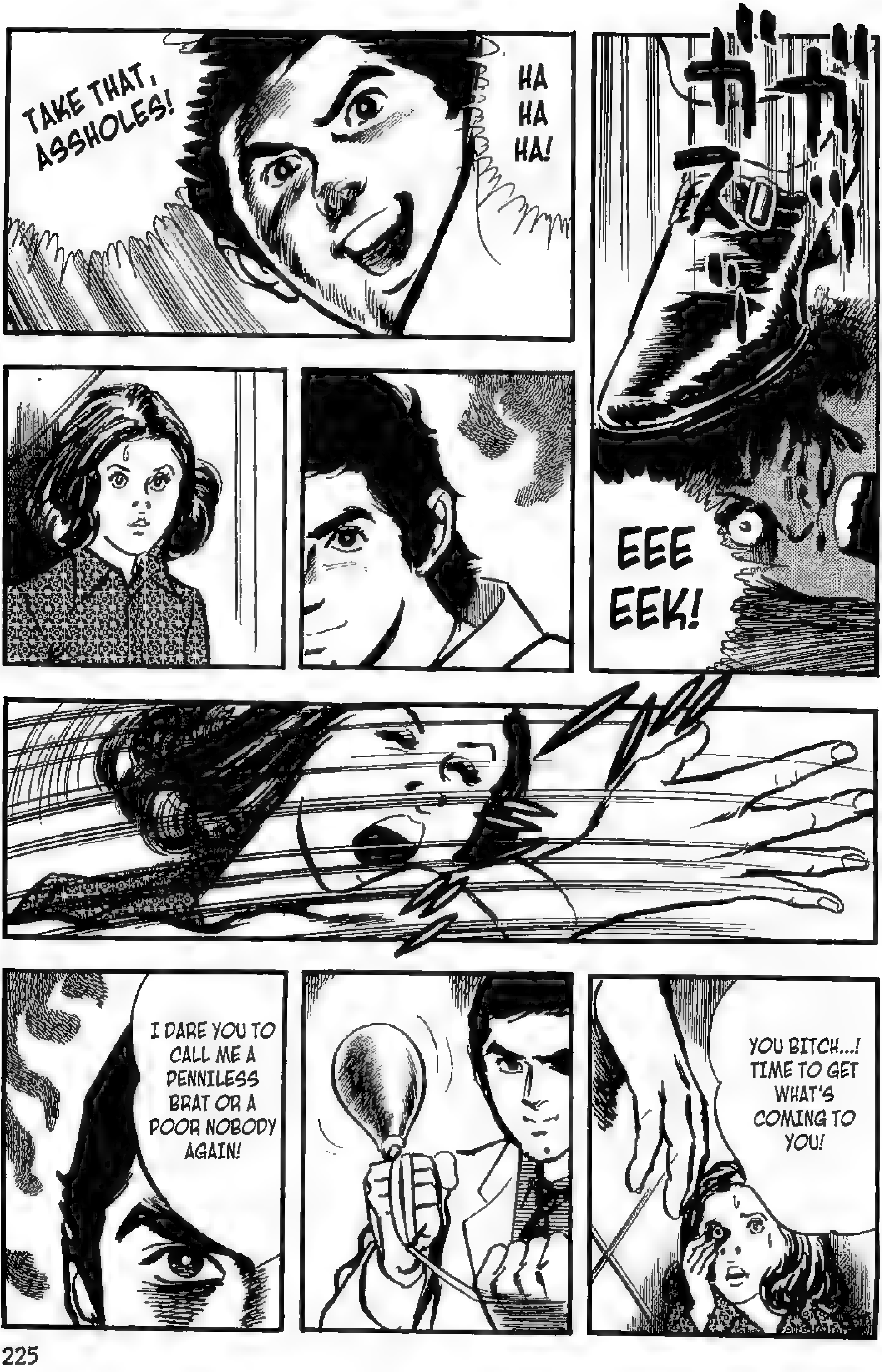
Y...YOU'RE SO STRONG, BRO!


TAKE THAT, ASSHOLES!
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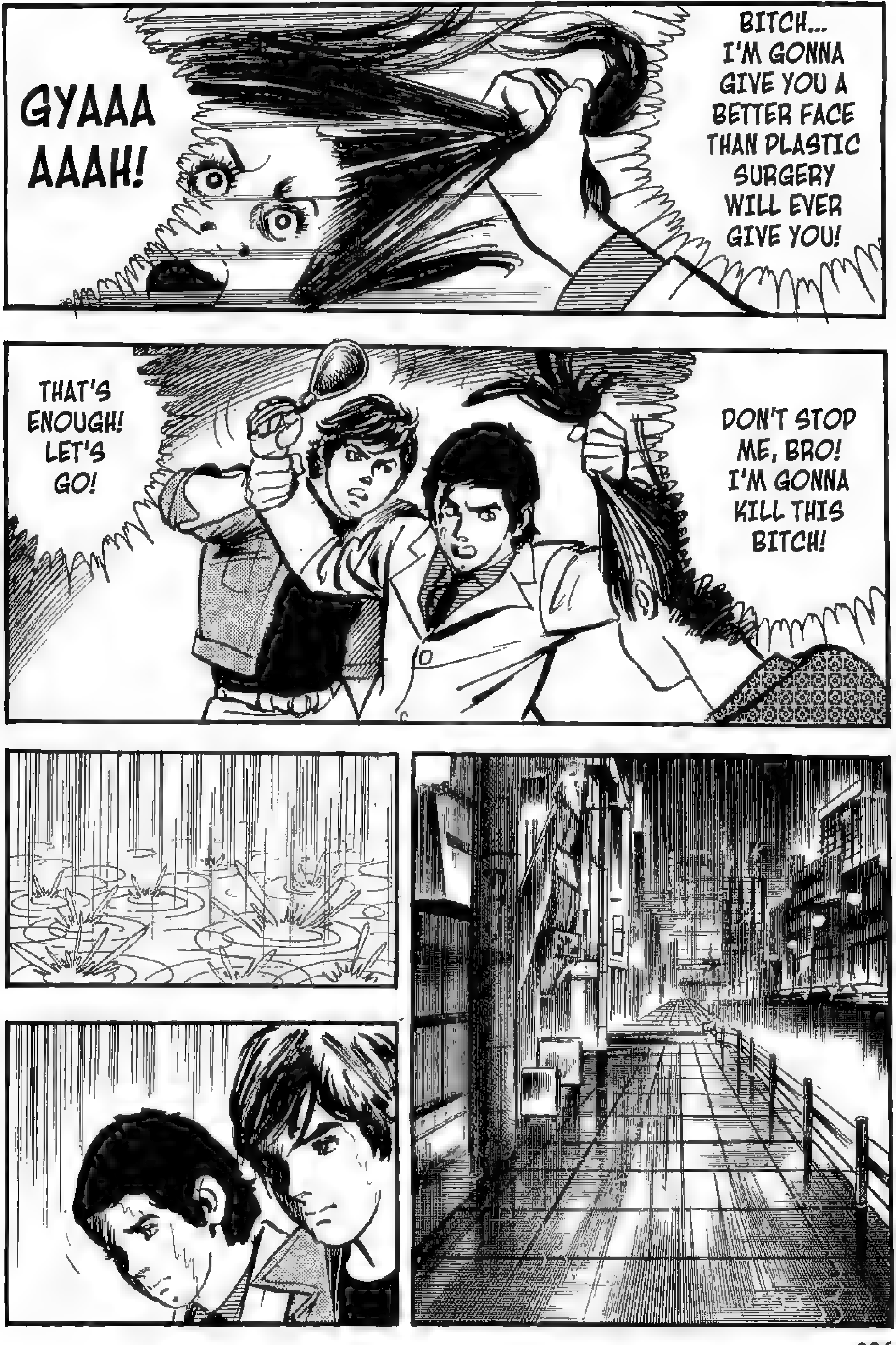
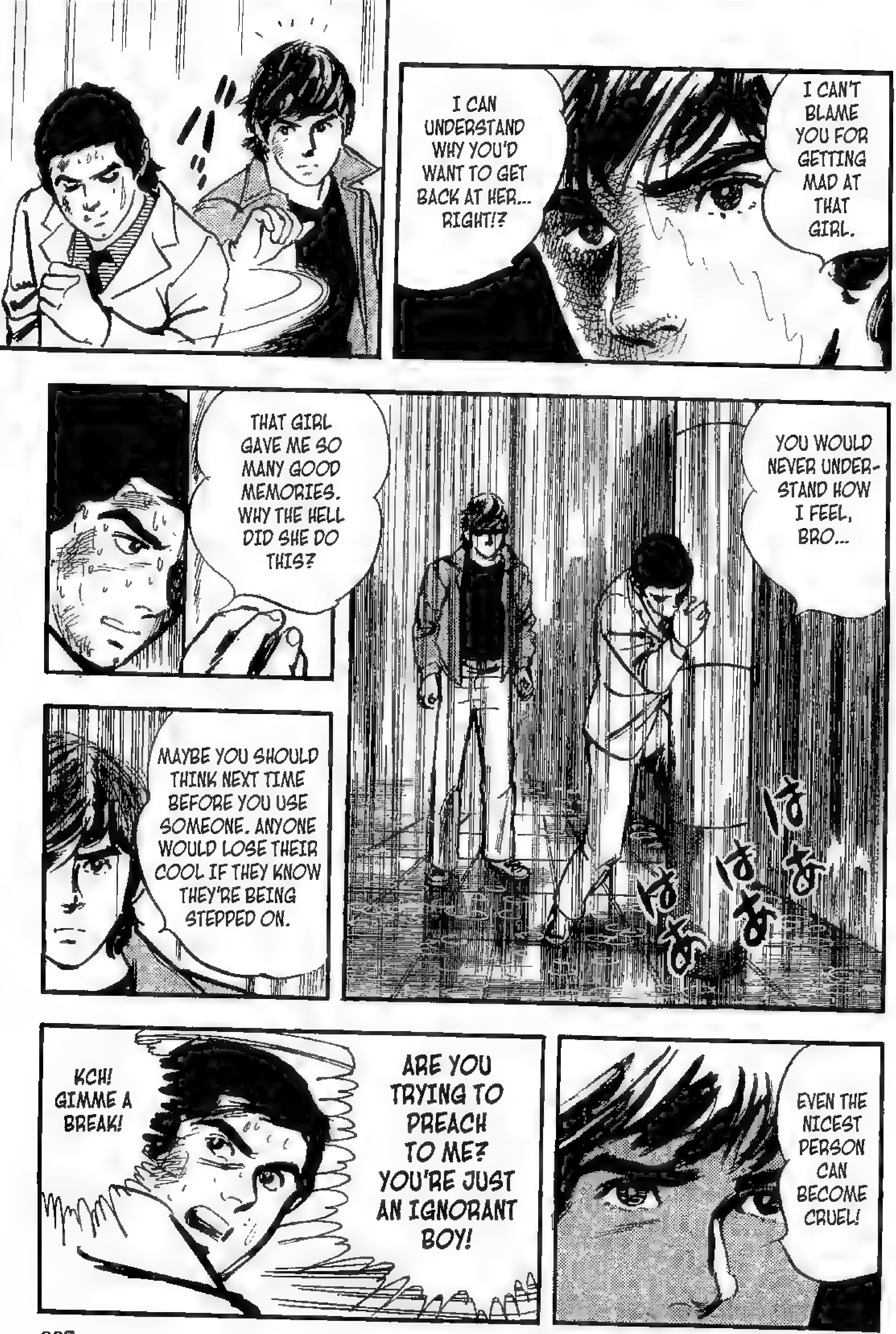
EEE EEK!
I DARE YOU TO CALL ME A PENNILESS BRAT OR A POOR NOBODY AGAIN!
YOU BITCH...! TIME TO GET WHAT'S COMING TO YOU!


GYAAA AAAH!
BITCH... I'M GONNA GIVE YOU A BETTER FACE THAN PLASTIC SURGERY WILL EVER GIVE YOU!
THAT'S ENOUGH! LET'S GO!
DON'T STOP ME, BRO! I'M GONNA KILL THIS BITCH!


I CAN'T BLAME YOU FOR GETTING MAD AT THAT GIRL.
I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'D WANT TO GET BACK AT HER... RIGHT!?
YOU WOULD NEVER UNDERSTAND HOW I FEEL, BRO...
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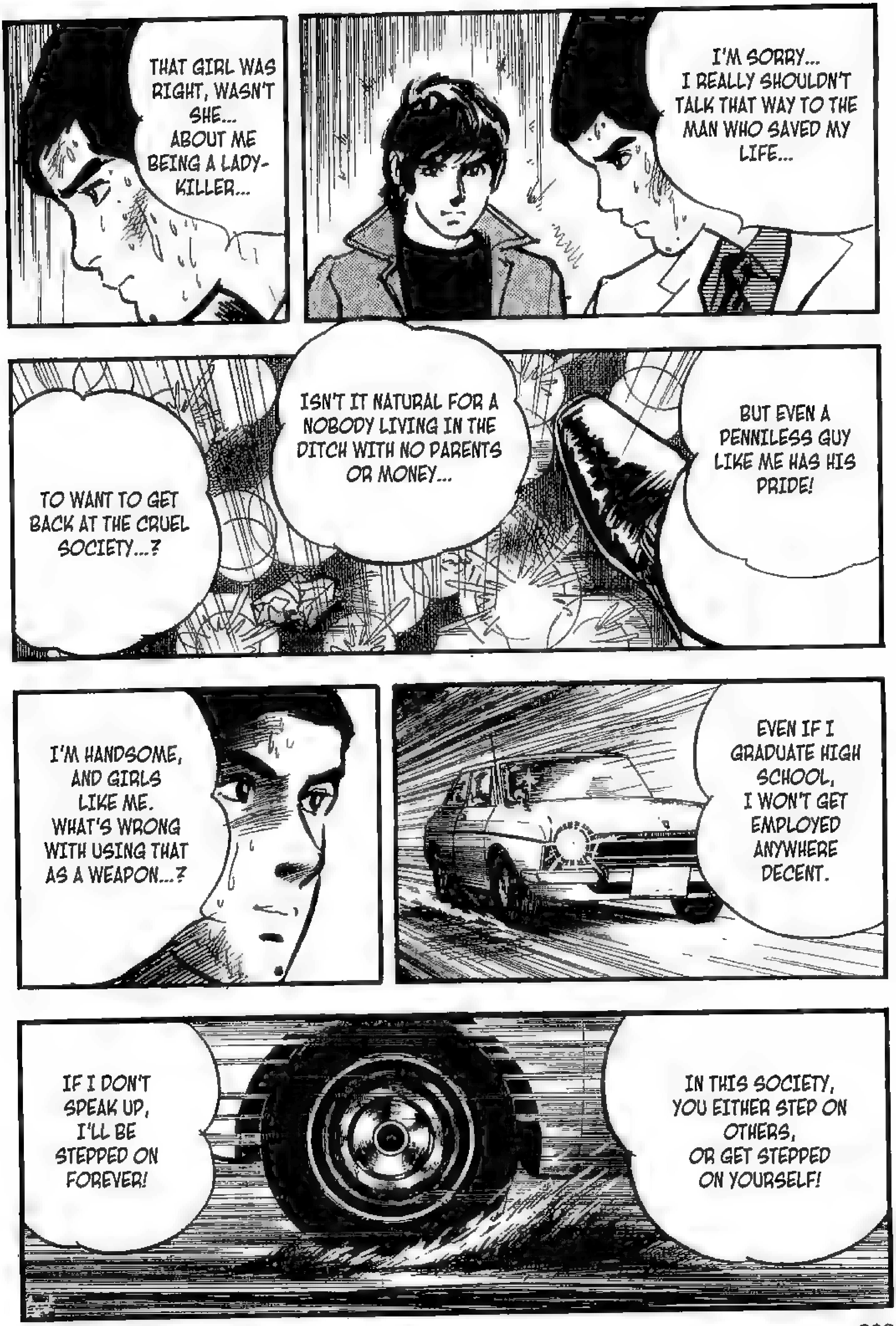
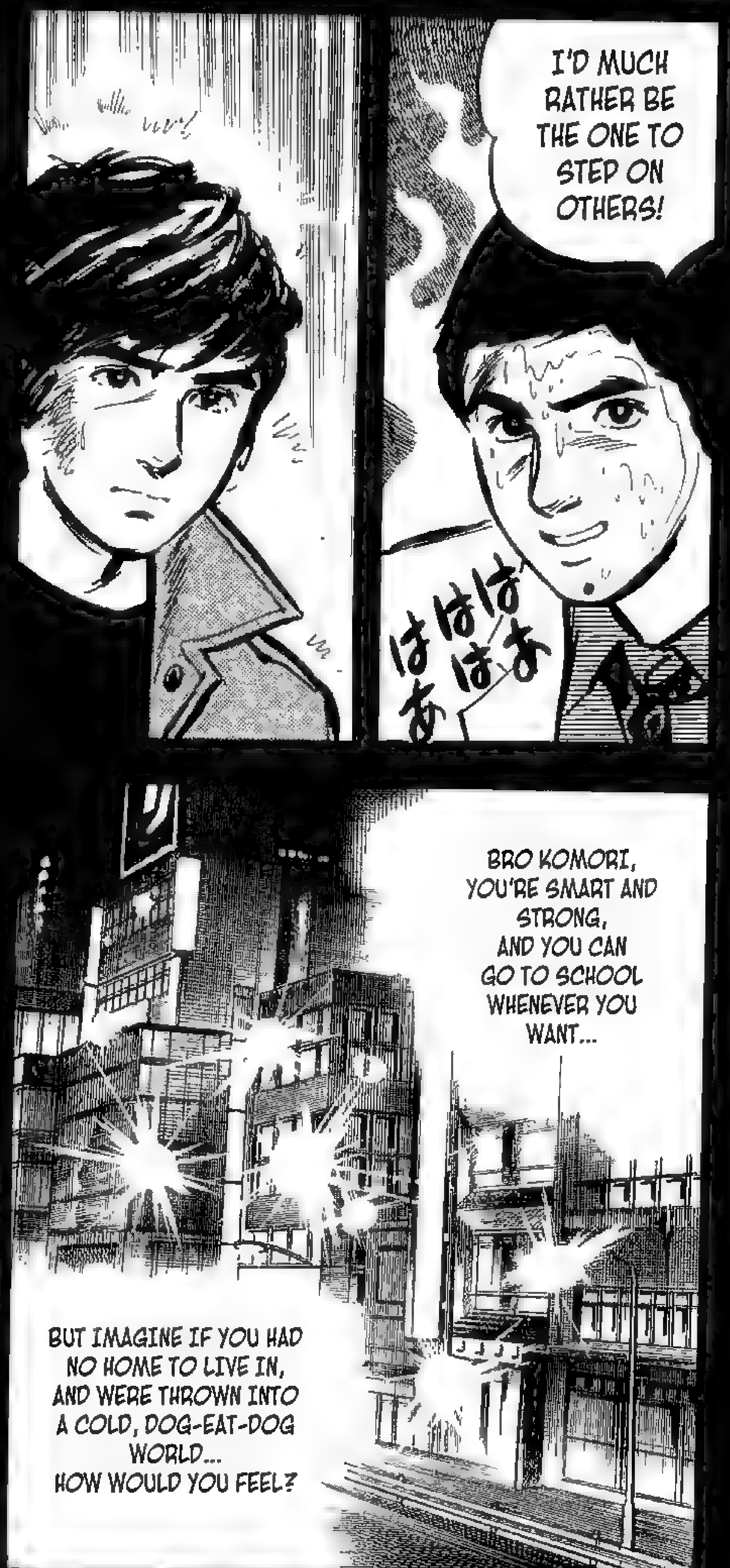
THAT GIRL GAVE ME SO MANY GOOD MEMORIES. WHY THE HELL DID SHE DO THIS?
MAYBE YOU SHOULD THINK NEXT TIME BEFORE YOU USE SOMEONE. ANYONE WOULD LOSE THEIR COOL IF THEY KNOW THEY'RE BEING STEPPED ON.
EVEN THE NICEST PERSON CAN BECOME CRUEL!
ARE YOU TRYING TO PREACH TO ME? YOU'RE JUST AN IGNORANT BOY!
KCH! GIMME A BREAK!


I'M SORRY... I REALLY SHOULDN'T TALK THAT WAY TO THE MAN WHO SAVED MY LIFE...
THAT GIRL WAS RIGHT, WASN'T SHE... ABOUT ME BEING A LADY-KILLER...
BUT EVEN A PENNILESS GUY LIKE ME HAS HIS PRIDE!
ISN'T IT NATURAL FOR A NOBODY LIVING IN THE DITCH WITH NO PARENTS OR MONEY...
TO WANT TO GET BACK AT THE CRUEL SOCIETY...?
EVEN IF I GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL, I WON'T GET EMPLOYED ANYWHERE DECENT.
I'M HANDSOME, AND GIRLS LIKE ME. WHAT'S WRONG WITH USING THAT AS A WEAPON...?
IN THIS SOCIETY, YOU EITHER STEP ON OTHERS, OR GET STEPPED ON YOURSELF!
IF I DON'T SPEAK UP, I'LL BE STEPPED ON FOREVER!


I'D MUCH RATHER BE THE ONE TO STEP ON OTHERS!
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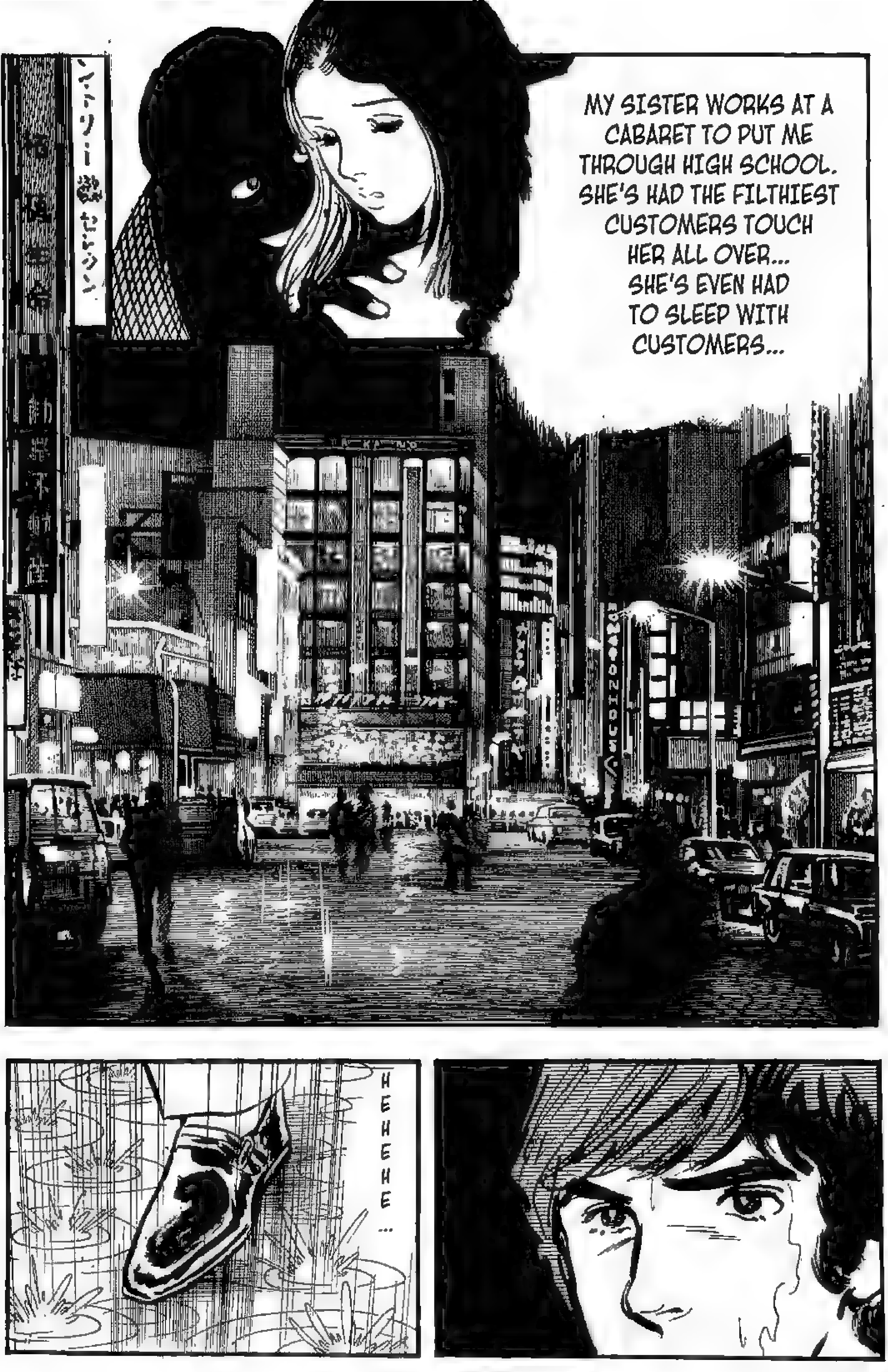
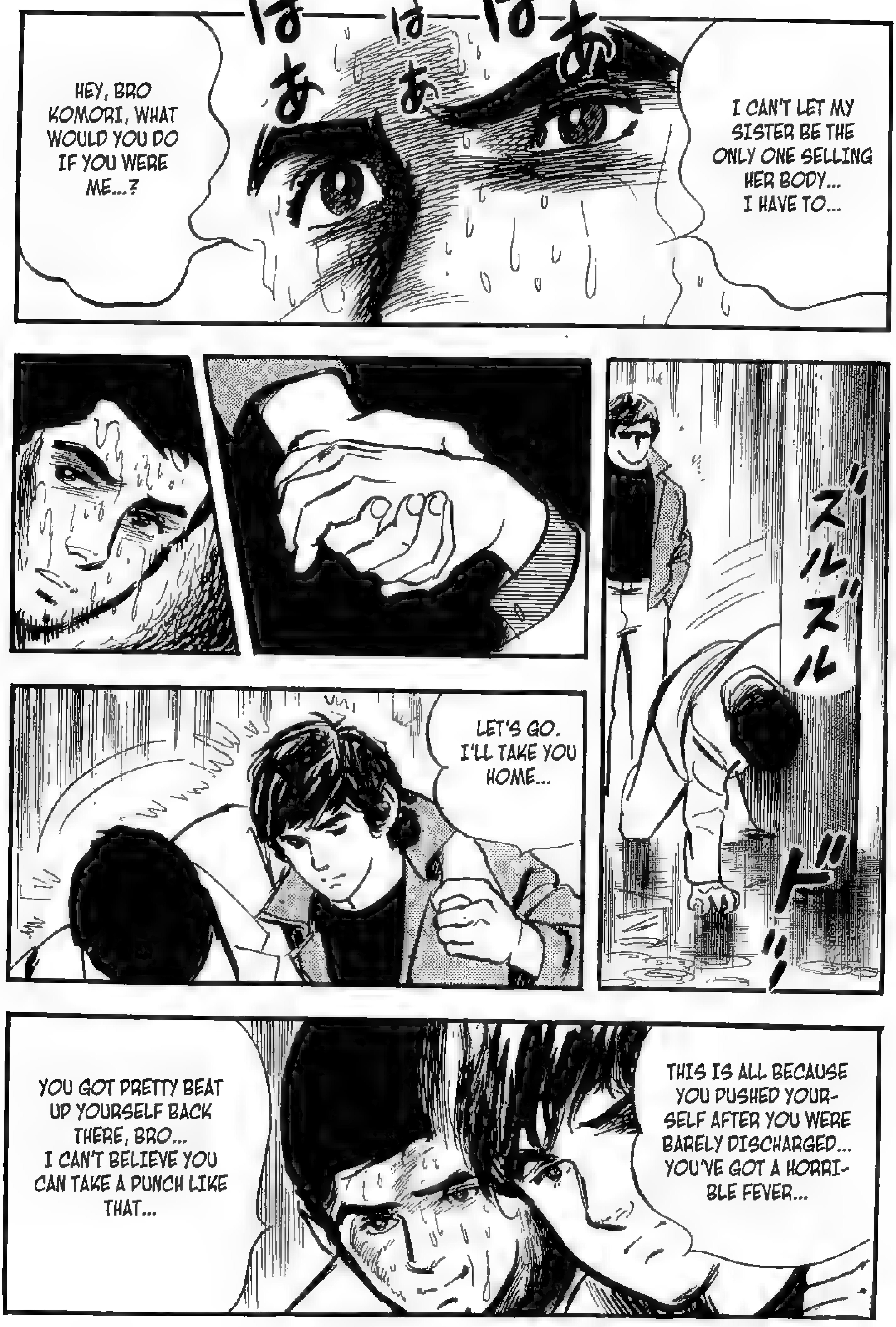
BRO KOMORI, YOU'RE SMART AND STRONG, AND YOU CAN GO TO SCHOOL WHENEVER YOU WANT...
BUT IMAGINE IF YOU HAD NO HOME TO LIVE IN, AND WERE THROWN INTO A COLD, DOG-EAT-DOG WORLD... HOW WOULD YOU FEEL?


MY SISTER WORKS AT A CABARET TO PUT ME THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL. SHE'S HAD THE FILTHIEST CUSTOMERS TOUCH HER ALL OVER... SHE'S EVEN HAD TO SLEEP WITH CUSTOMERS...
HEHEHEHE...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I CAN'T LET MY SISTER BE THE ONLY ONE SELLING HER BODY... I HAVE TO...
HEY, BRO KOMORI, WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE ME...?
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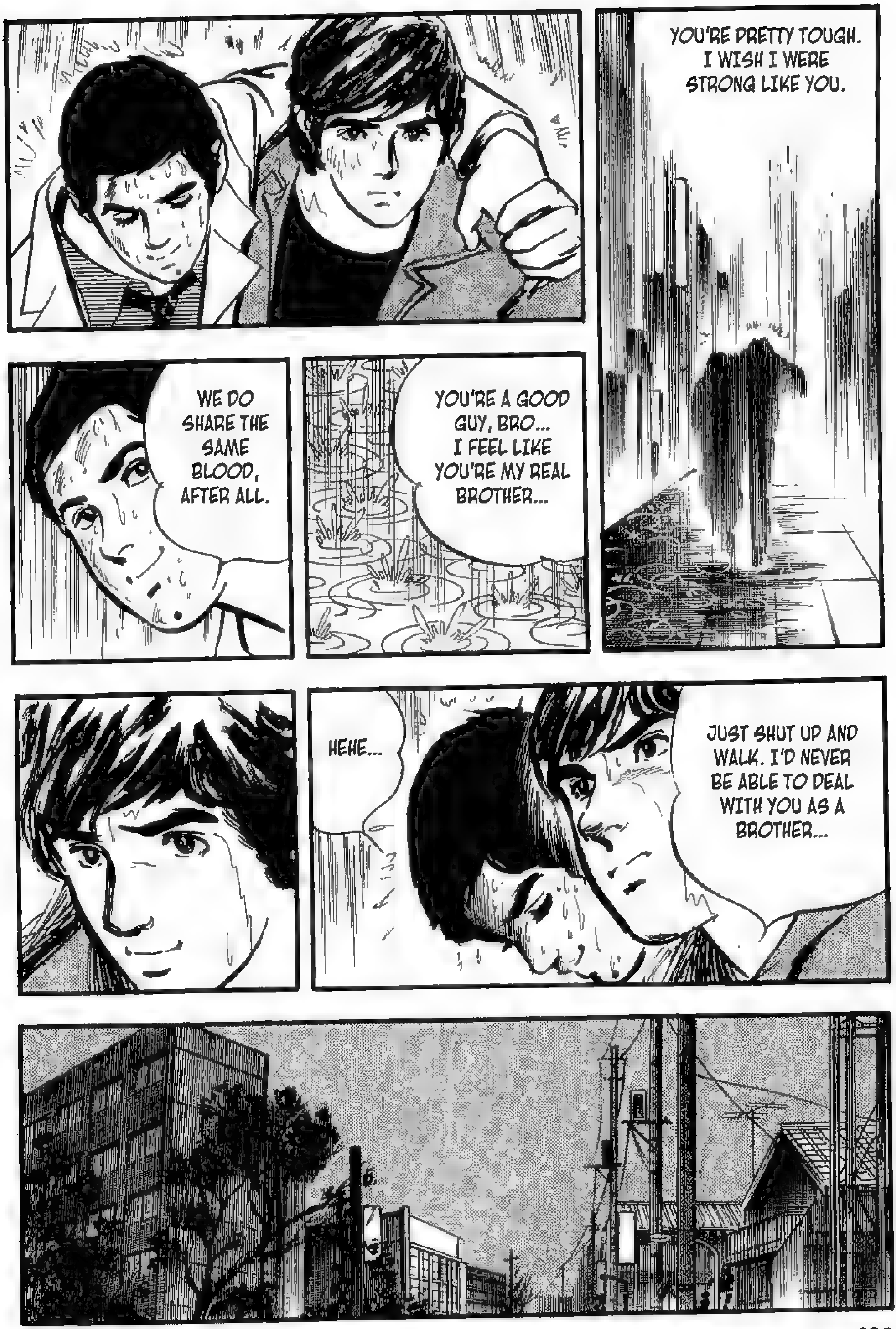
LET'S GO. I'LL TAKE YOU HOME...
THIS IS ALL BECAUSE YOU PUSHED YOURSELF AFTER YOU WERE BARELY DISCHARGED... YOU'VE GOT A HORRIBLE FEVER...
YOU GOT PRETTY BEAT UP YOURSELF BACK THERE, BRO... I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU CAN TAKE A PUNCH LIKE THAT...


YOU'RE PRETTY TOUGH. I WISH I WERE STRONG LIKE YOU.
YOU'RE A GOOD GUY, BRO... I FEEL LIKE YOU'RE MY REAL BROTHER...
WE DO SHARE THE SAME BLOOD, AFTER ALL.
JUST SHUT UP AND WALK. I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH YOU AS A BROTHER...
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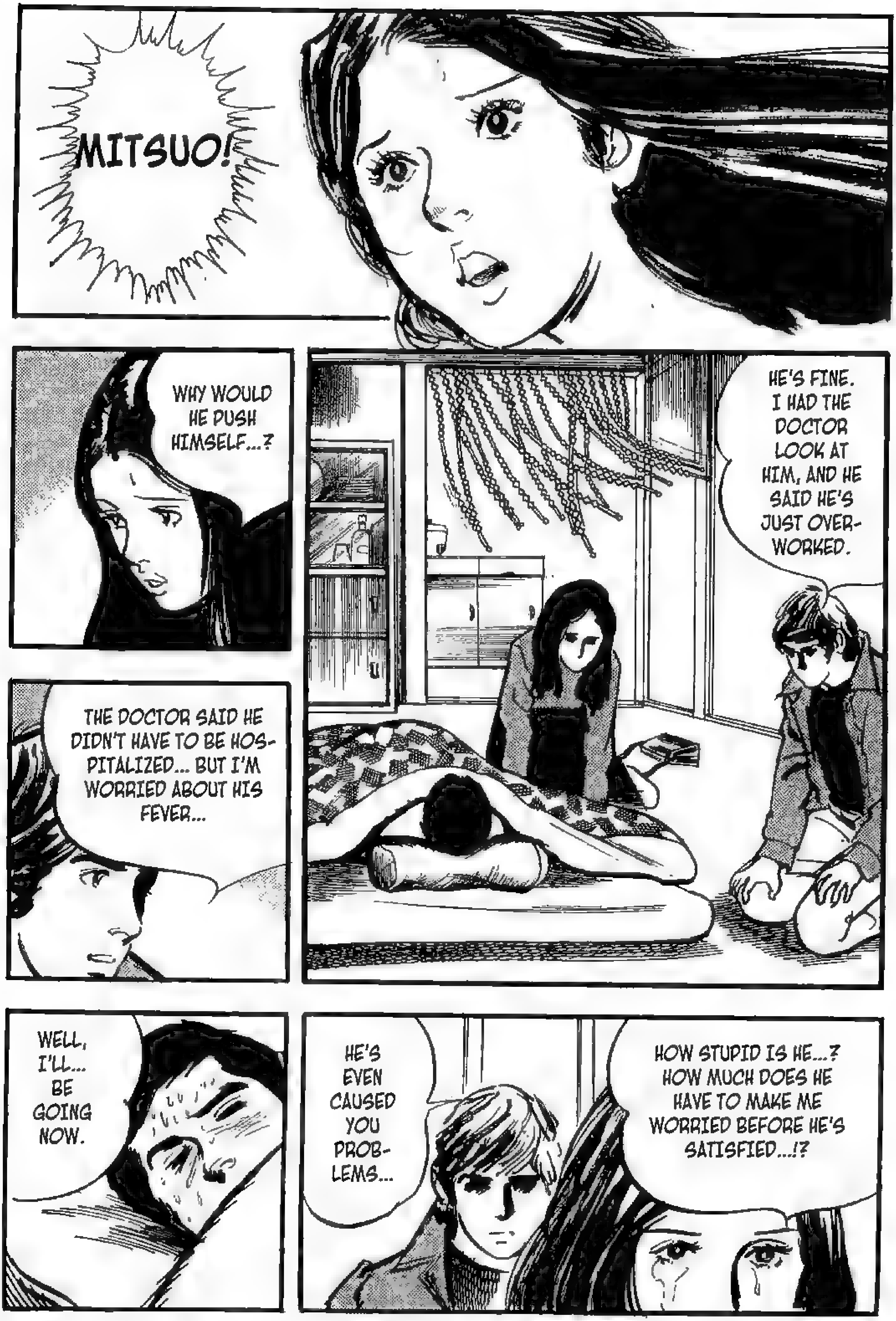
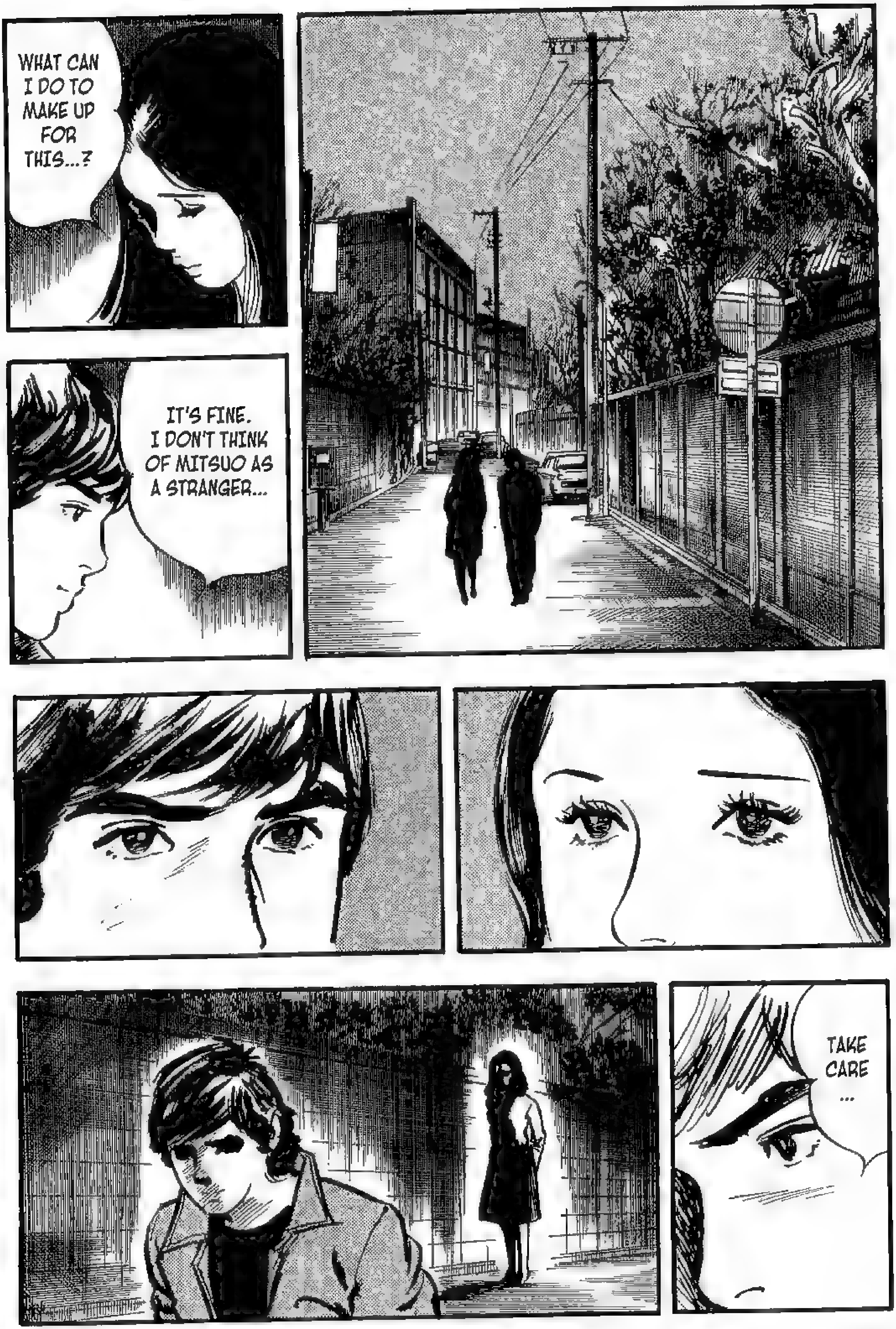
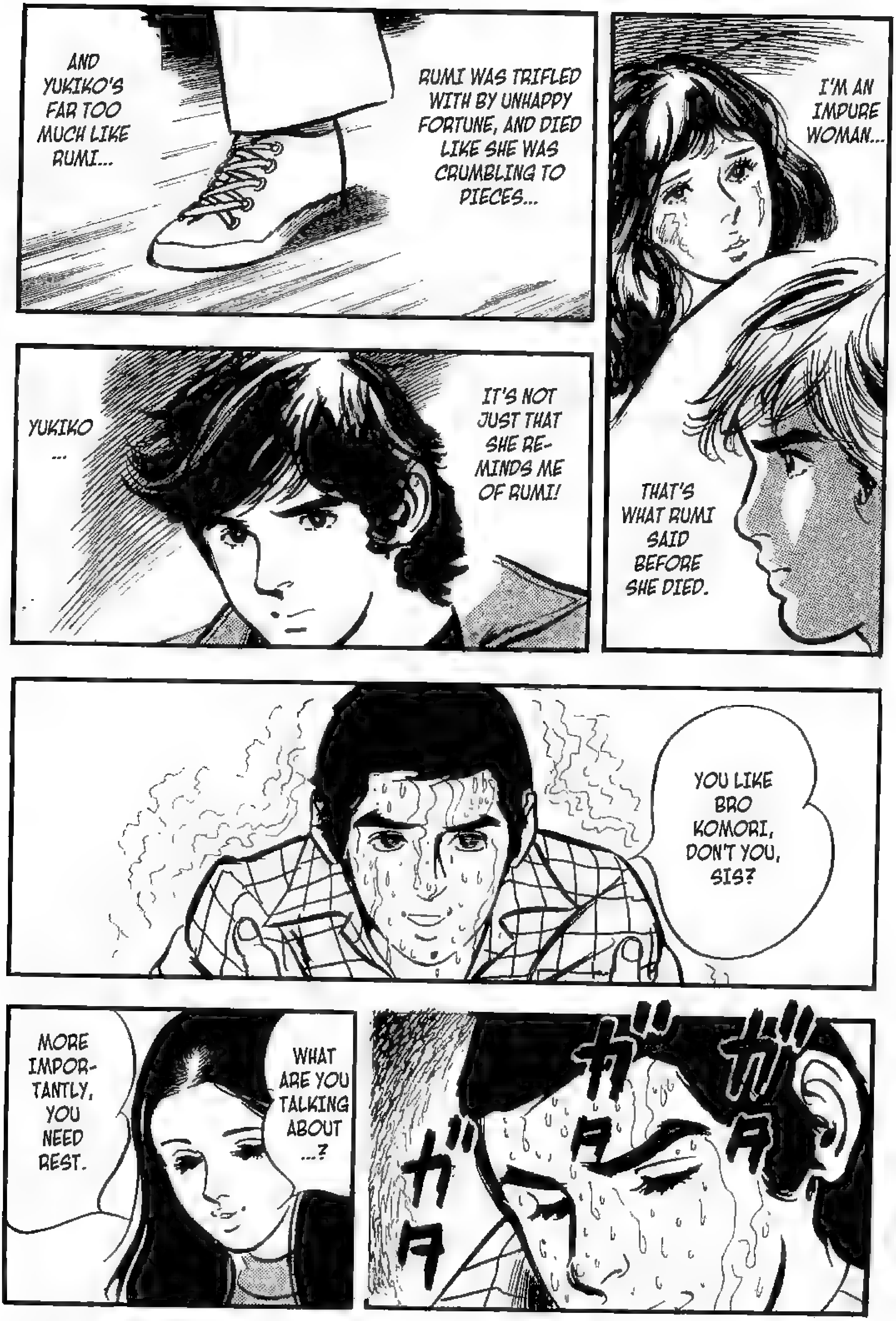

MITSUO!
HE'S FINE. I HAD THE DOCTOR LOOK AT HIM, AND HE SAID HE'S JUST OVERWORKED.
WHY WOULD HE PUSH HIMSELF...?
THE DOCTOR SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE TO BE HOSPITALIZED... BUT I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIS FEVER...
HOW STUPID IS HE...? HOW MUCH DOES HE HAVE TO MAKE ME WORRIED BEFORE HE'S SATISFIED...!?
HE'S EVEN CAUSED YOU PROBLEMS...
WELL, I'LL... BE GOING NOW.


WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE UP FOR THIS...?
IT'S FINE. I DON'T THINK OF MITSUO AS A STRANGER...
TAKE CARE ...


I'M AN IMPURE WOMAN...
THAT'S WHAT RUMI SAID BEFORE SHE DIED.
RUMI WAS TRIFLED WITH BY UNHAPPY FORTUNE, AND DIED LIKE SHE WAS CRUMBLING TO PIECES...
AND YUKIKO'S FAR TOO MUCH LIKE RUMI...
IT'S NOT JUST THAT SHE REMINDS ME OF RUMI!
YUKIKO ...
YOU LIKE BRO KOMORI, DON'T YOU, SIS?
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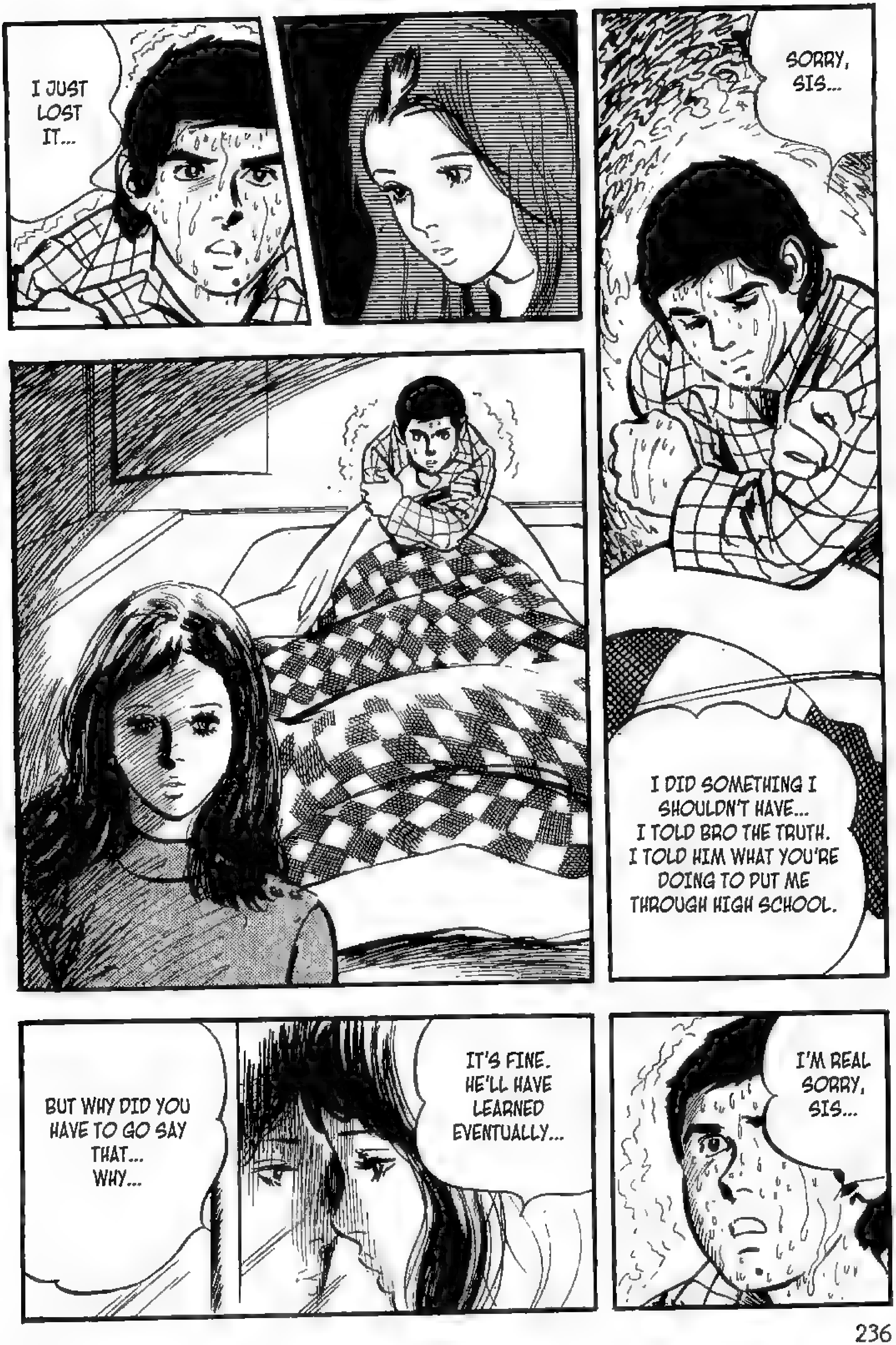
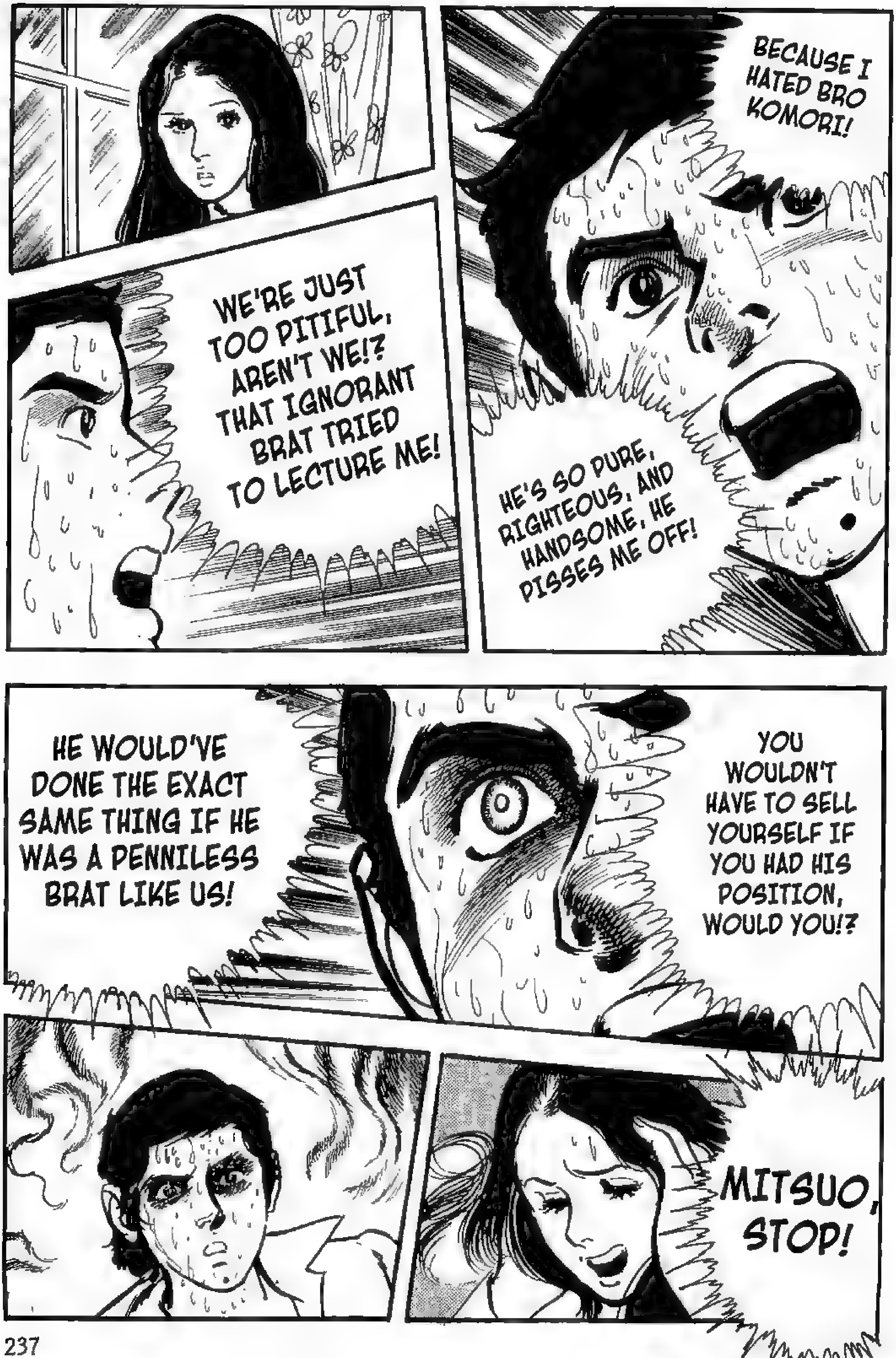
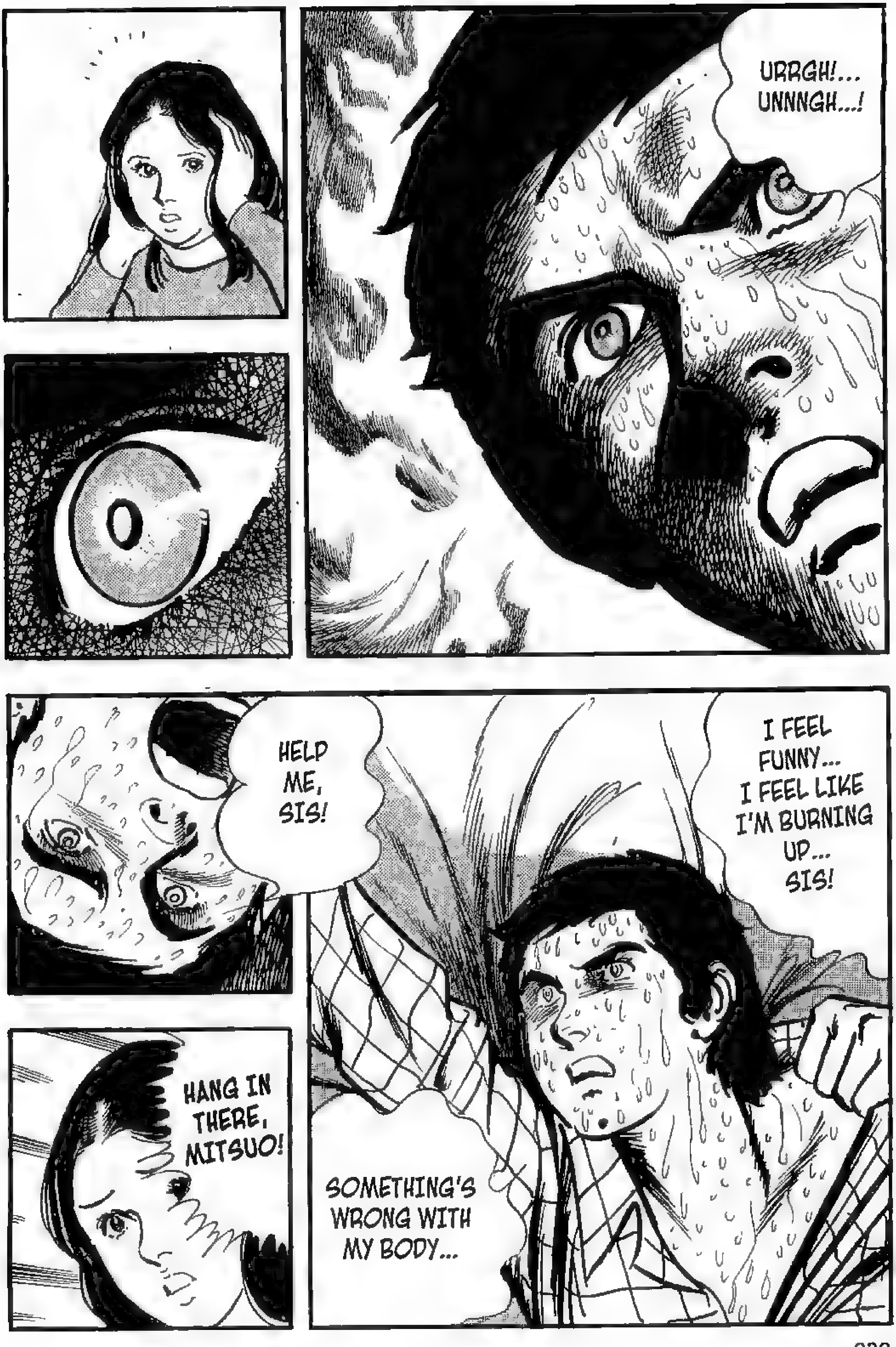
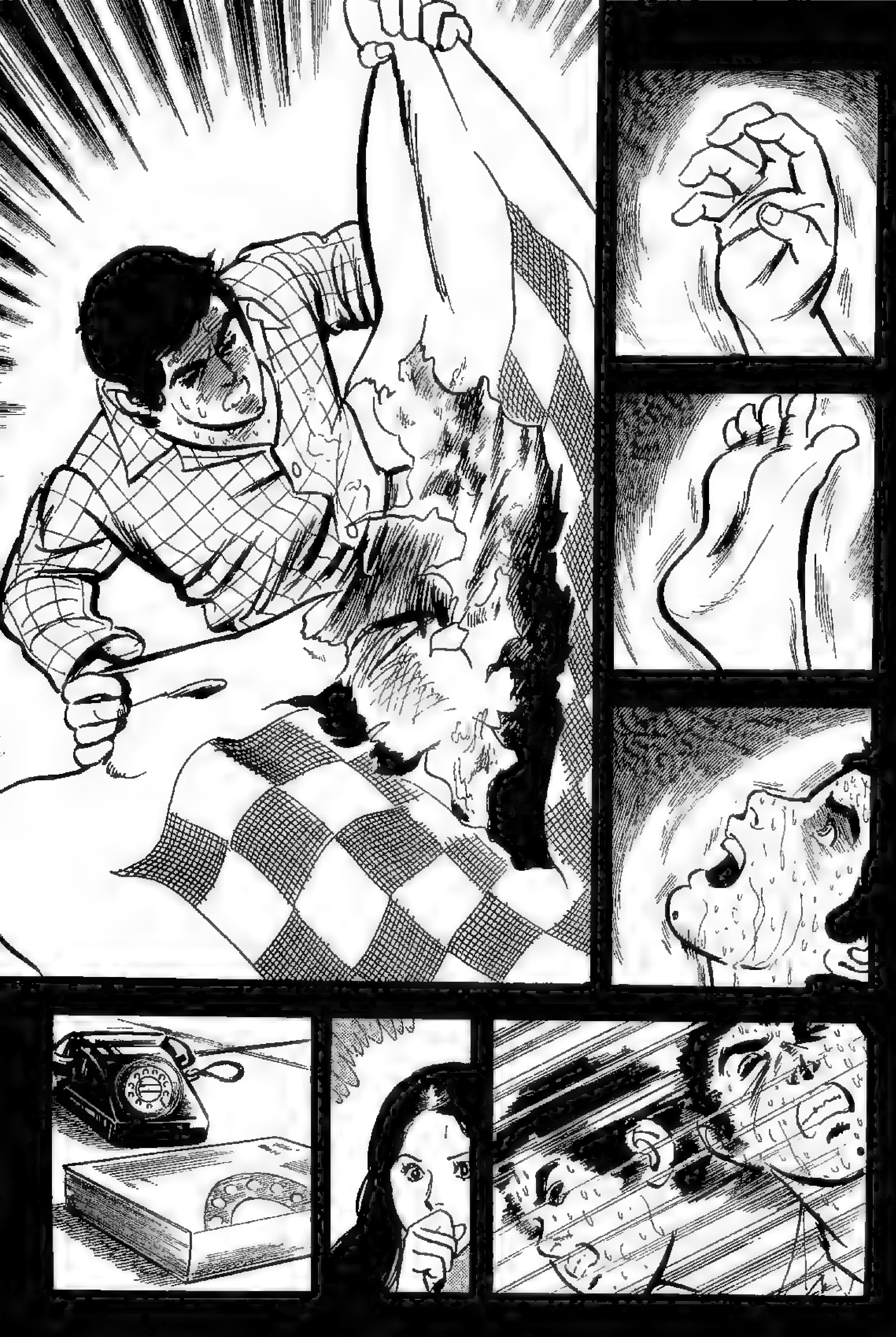
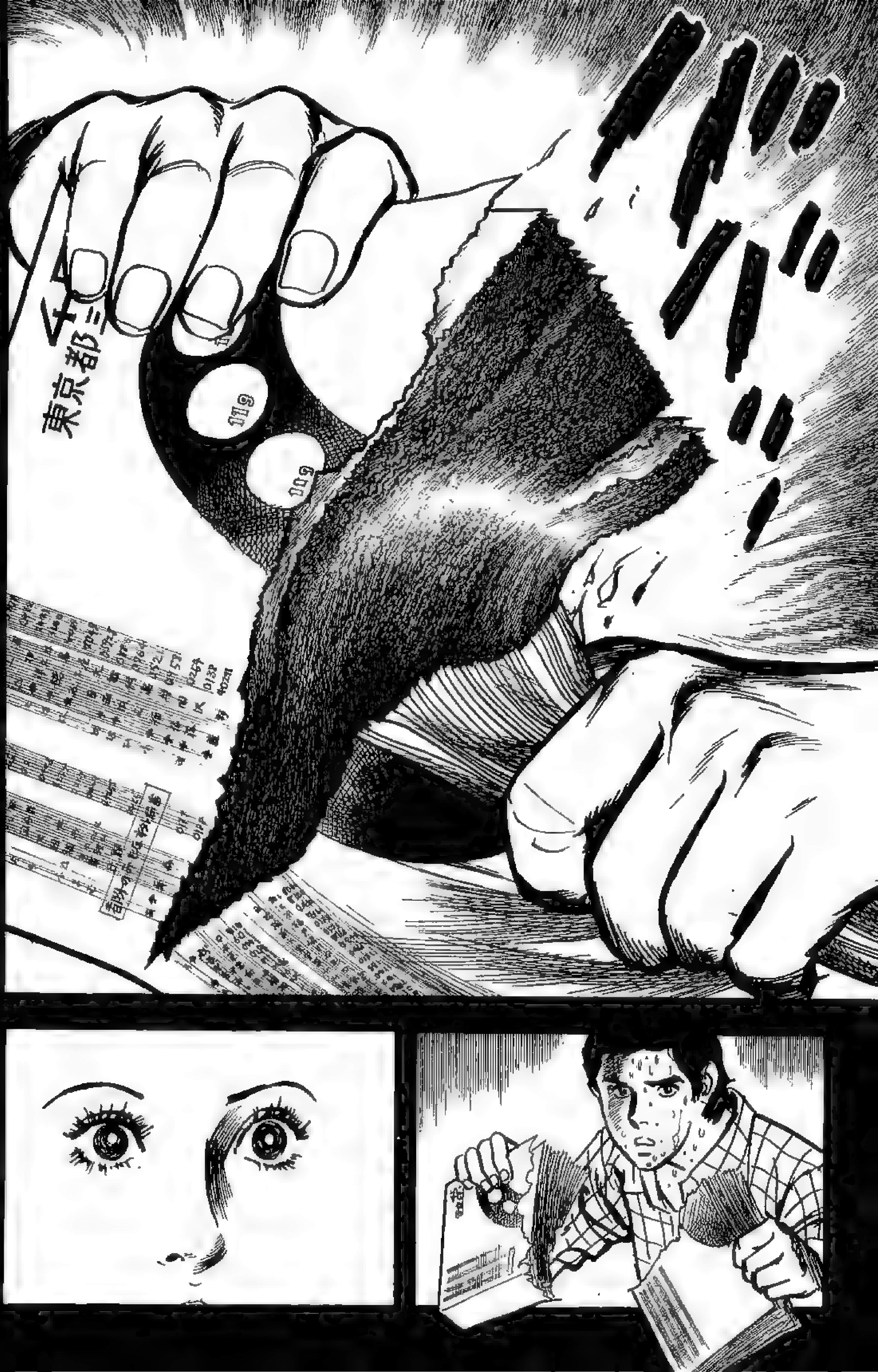
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ...?
MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU NEED REST.


SORRY, SIS...
I JUST LOST IT...
I DID SOMETHING I SHOULDN'T HAVE... I TOLD BRO THE TRUTH. I TOLD HIM WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO PUT ME THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL.
I'M REAL SORRY, SIS...
IT'S FINE. HE'LL HAVE LEARNED EVENTUALLY...
BUT WHY DID YOU HAVE TO GO SAY THAT... WHY...


BECAUSE I HATED BRO KOMORI!
HE'S SO PURE, RIGHTEOUS, AND HANDSOME, HE PISSES ME OFF!
WE'RE JUST TOO PITIFUL, AREN'T WE!? THAT IGNORANT BRAT TRIED TO LECTURE ME!
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO SELL YOURSELF IF YOU HAD HIS POSITION, WOULD YOU!?
HE WOULD'VE DONE THE EXACT SAME THING IF HE WAS A PENNILESS BRAT LIKE US!
MITSUO, STOP!


URRGH!... UNNNGH...!
I FEEL FUNNY... I FEEL LIKE I'M BURNING UP... SIS!
SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH MY BODY...
HELP ME, SIS!
HANG IN THERE, MITSUO!

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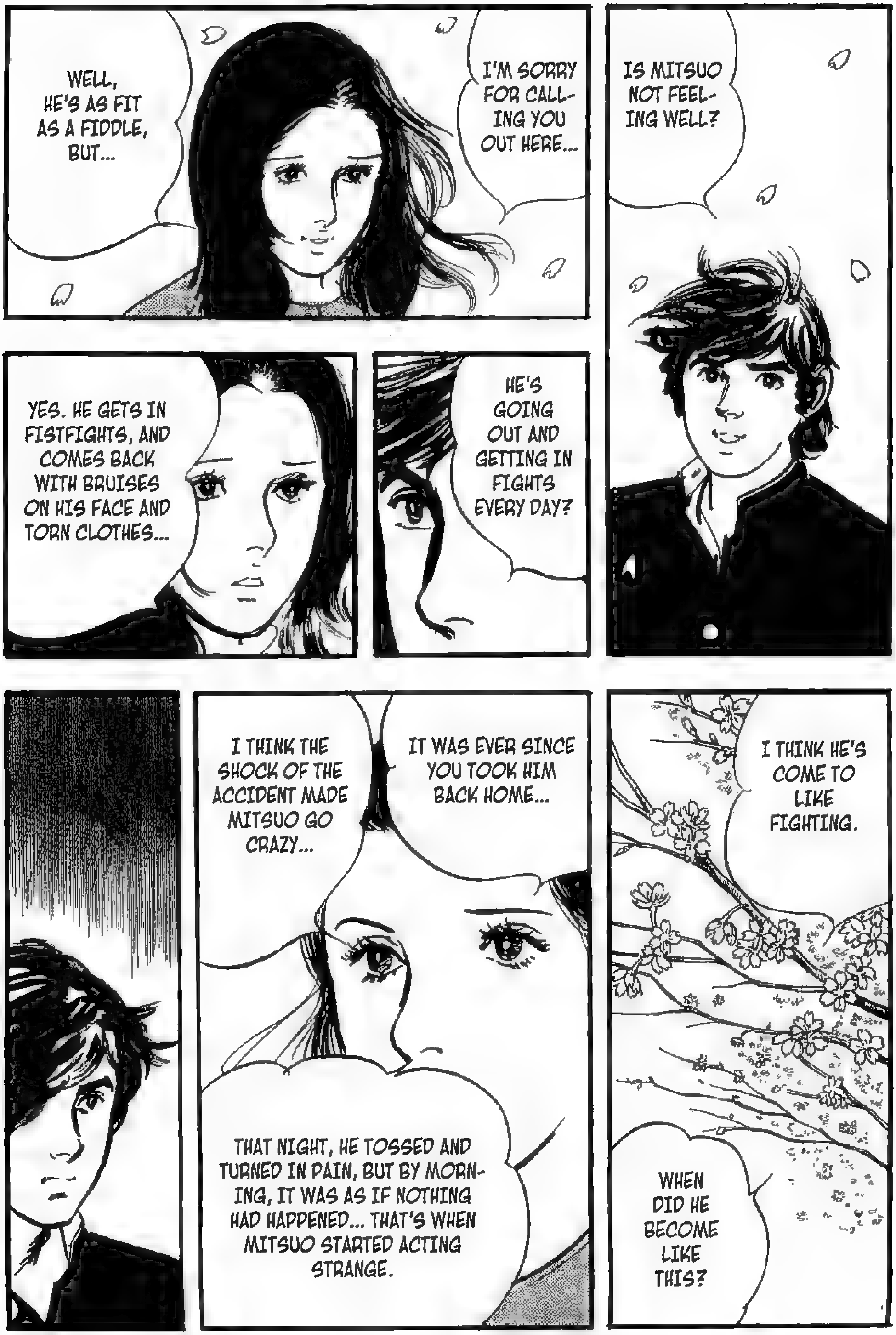
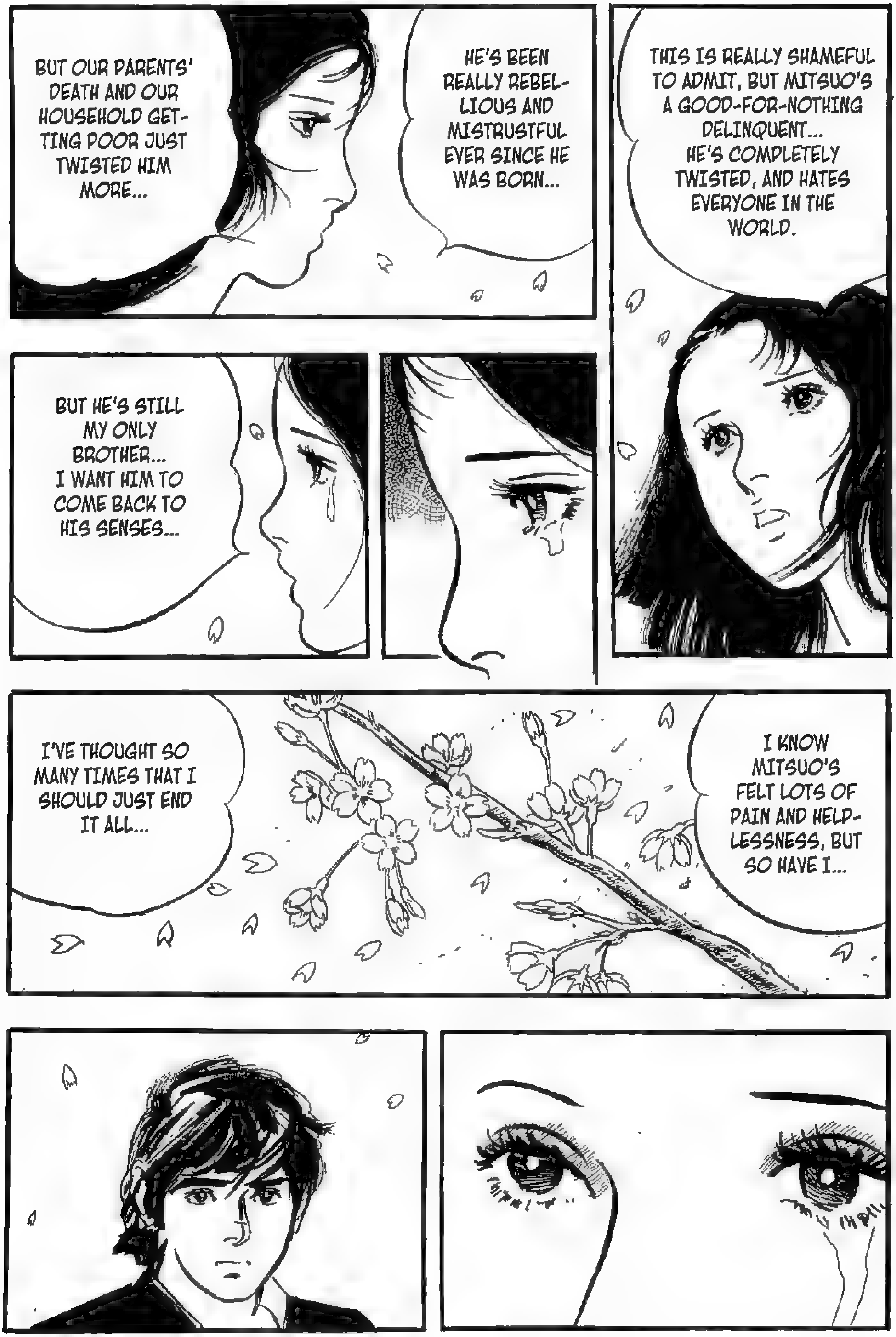
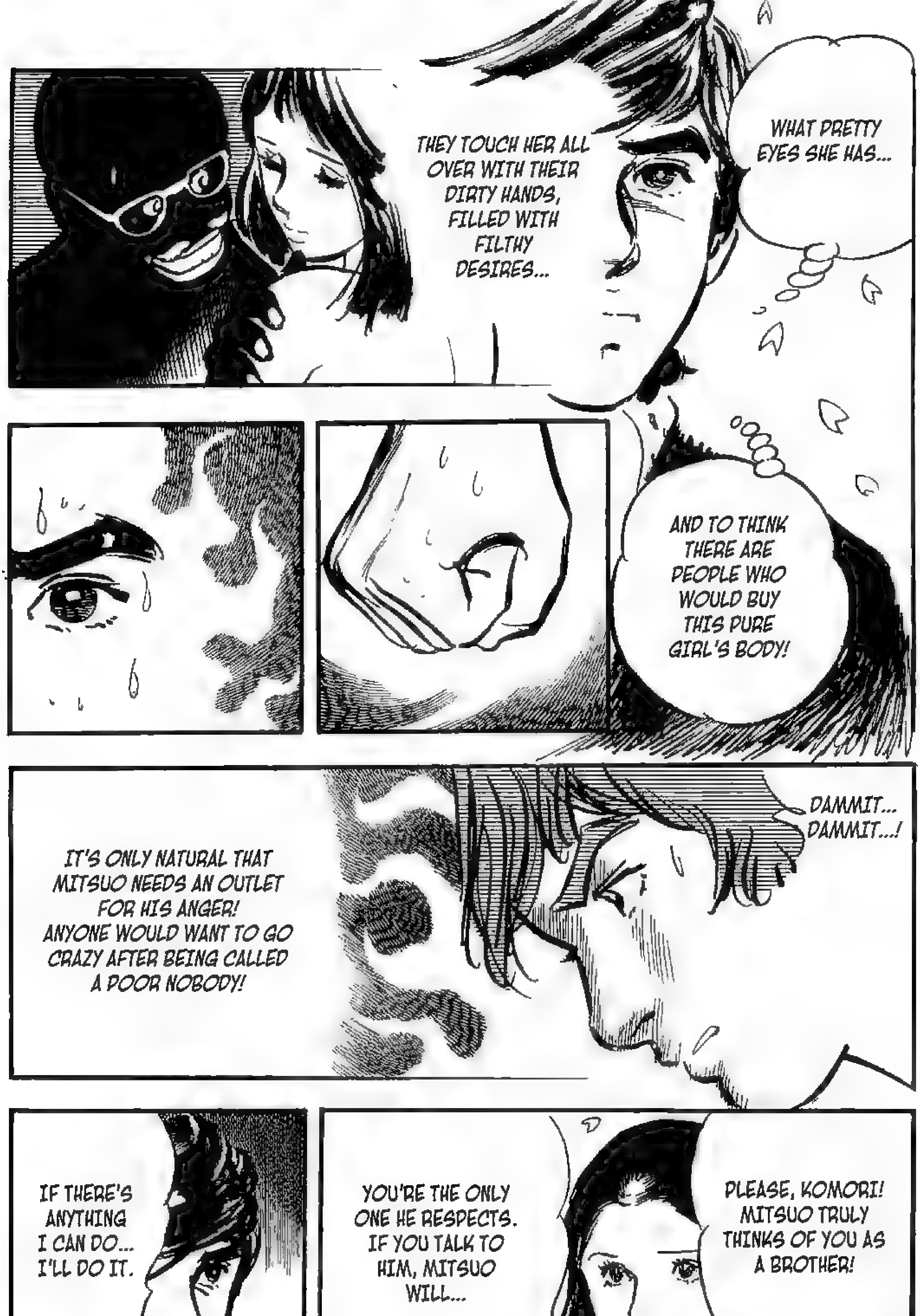
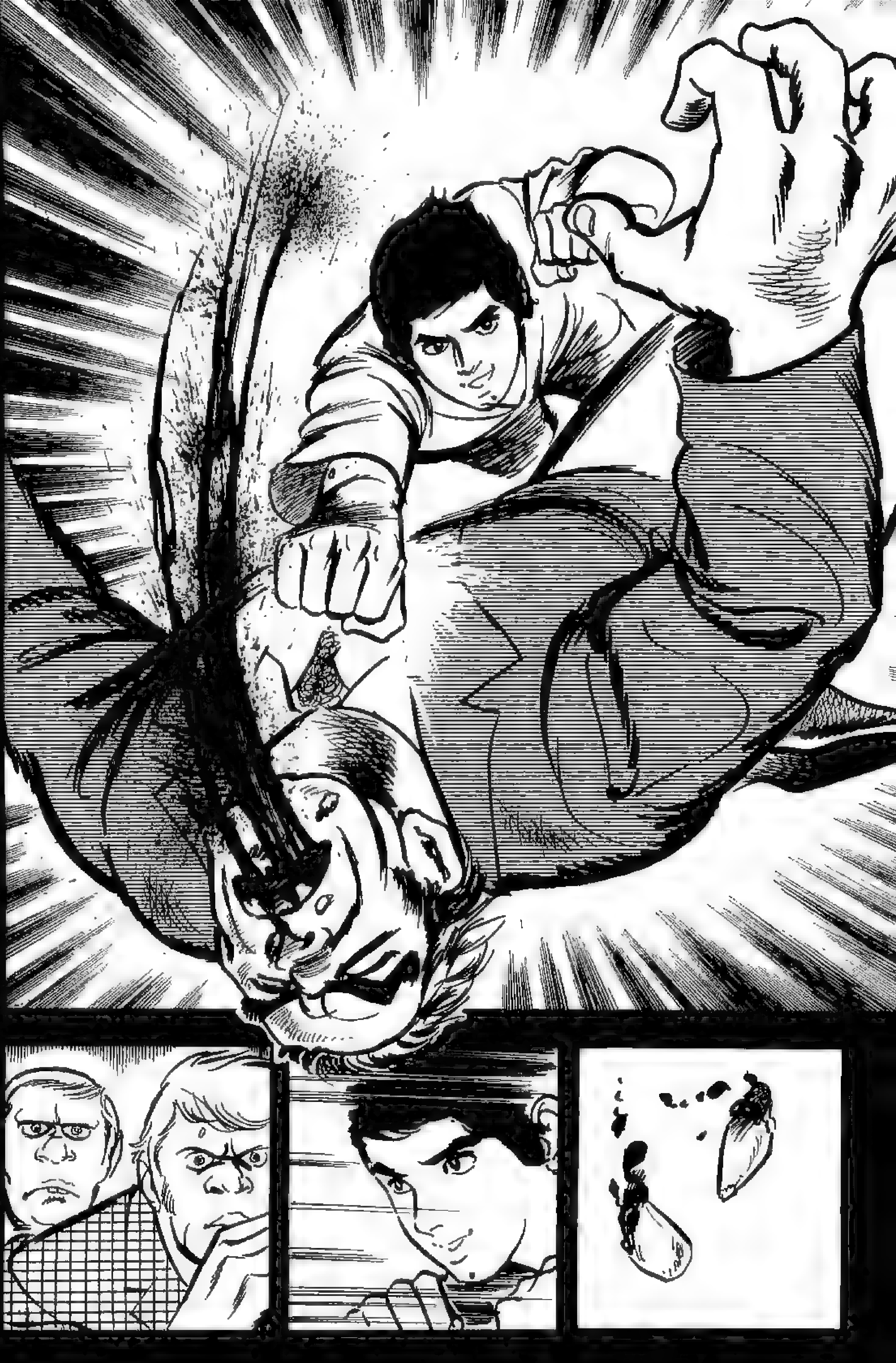
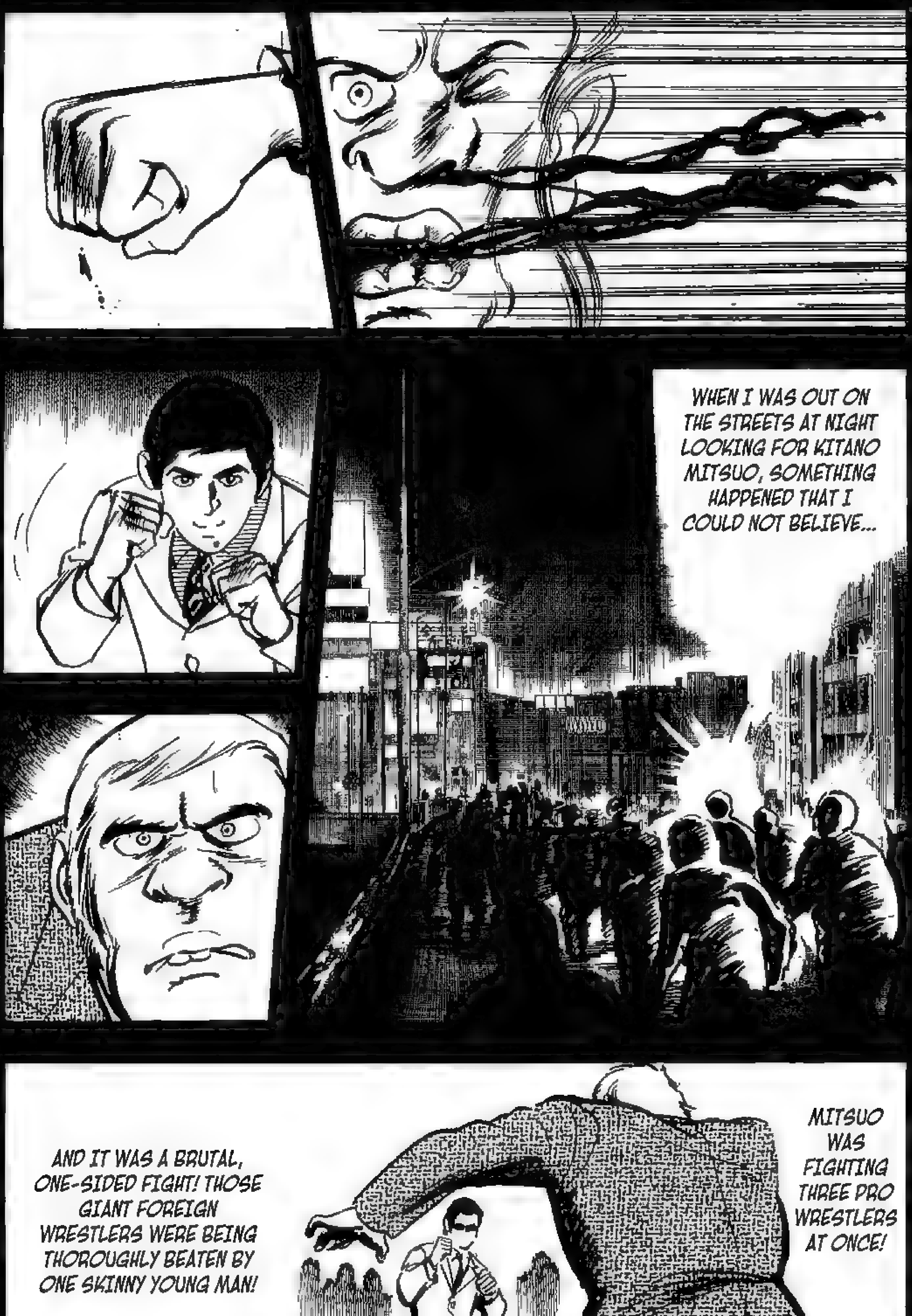
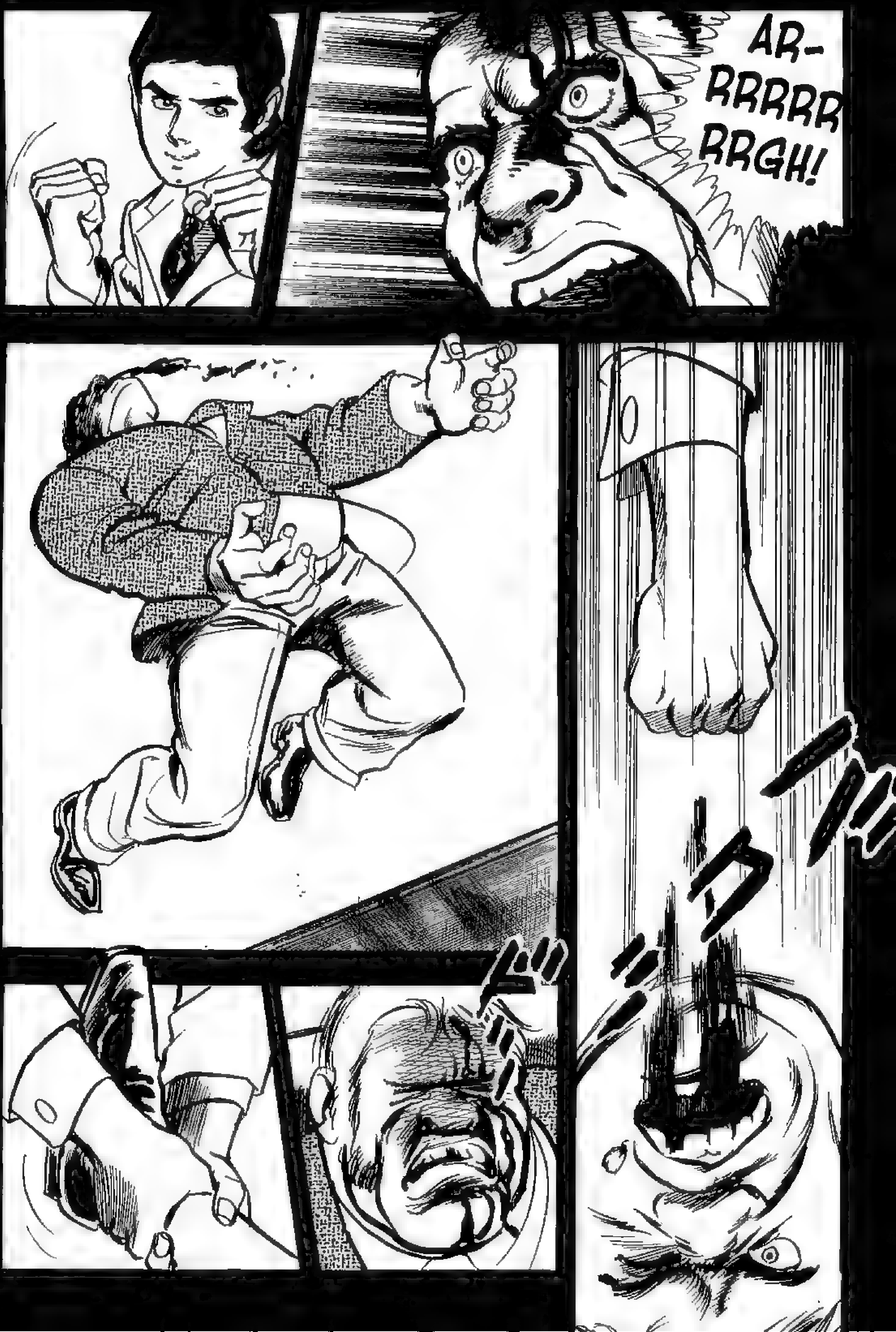

I'M SORRY FOR CALLING YOU OUT HERE...
IS MITSUO NOT FEELING WELL?
WELL, HE'S AS FIT AS A FIDDLE, BUT...
HE'S GOING OUT AND GETTING IN FIGHTS EVERY DAY?
YES. HE GETS IN FISTFIGHTS, AND COMES BACK WITH BRUISES ON HIS FACE AND TORN CLOTHES...
I THINK HE'S COME TO LIKE FIGHTING.
WHEN DID HE BECOME LIKE THIS?
IT WAS EVER SINCE YOU TOOK HIM BACK HOME...
I THINK THE SHOCK OF THE ACCIDENT MADE MITSUO GO CRAZY...
THAT NIGHT, HE TOSSED AND TURNED IN PAIN, BUT BY MORNING, IT WAS AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED... THAT'S WHEN MITSUO STARTED ACTING STRANGE.


THIS IS REALLY SHAMEFUL TO ADMIT, BUT MITSUO'S A GOOD-FOR-NOTHING DELINQUENT... HE'S COMPLETELY TWISTED, AND HATES EVERYONE IN THE WORLD.
HE'S BEEN REALLY REBELLIOUS AND MISTRUSTFUL EVER SINCE HE WAS BORN...
BUT OUR PARENTS' DEATH AND OUR HOUSEHOLD GETTING POOR JUST TWISTED HIM MORE...
BUT HE'S STILL MY ONLY BROTHER... I WANT HIM TO COME BACK TO HIS SENSES...
I KNOW MITSUO'S FELT LOTS OF PAIN AND HELPLESSNESS, BUT SO HAVE I...
I'VE THOUGHT SO MANY TIMES THAT I SHOULD JUST END IT ALL...


WHAT PRETTY EYES SHE HAS...
THEY TOUCH HER ALL OVER WITH THEIR DIRTY HANDS, FILLED WITH FILTHY DESIRES...
AND TO THINK THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WOULD BUY THIS PURE GIRL'S BODY!
DAMMIT... DAMMIT...!
IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT MITSUO NEEDS AN OUTLET FOR HIS ANGER! ANYONE WOULD WANT TO GO CRAZY AFTER BEING CALLED A POOR NOBODY!
PLEASE, KOMORI! MITSUO TRULY THINKS OF YOU AS A BROTHER!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE HE RESPECTS. IF YOU TALK TO HIM, MITSUO WILL...
IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO... I'LL DO IT.




WHEN I WAS OUT ON THE STREETS AT NIGHT LOOKING FOR KITANO MITSUO, SOMETHING HAPPENED THAT I COULD NOT BELIEVE...
MITSUO WAS FIGHTING THREE PRO WRESTLERS AT ONCE!
AND IT WAS A BRUTAL, ONE-SIDED FIGHT! THOSE GIANT FOREIGN WRESTLERS WERE BEING THOROUGHLY BEATEN BY ONE SKINNY YOUNG MAN!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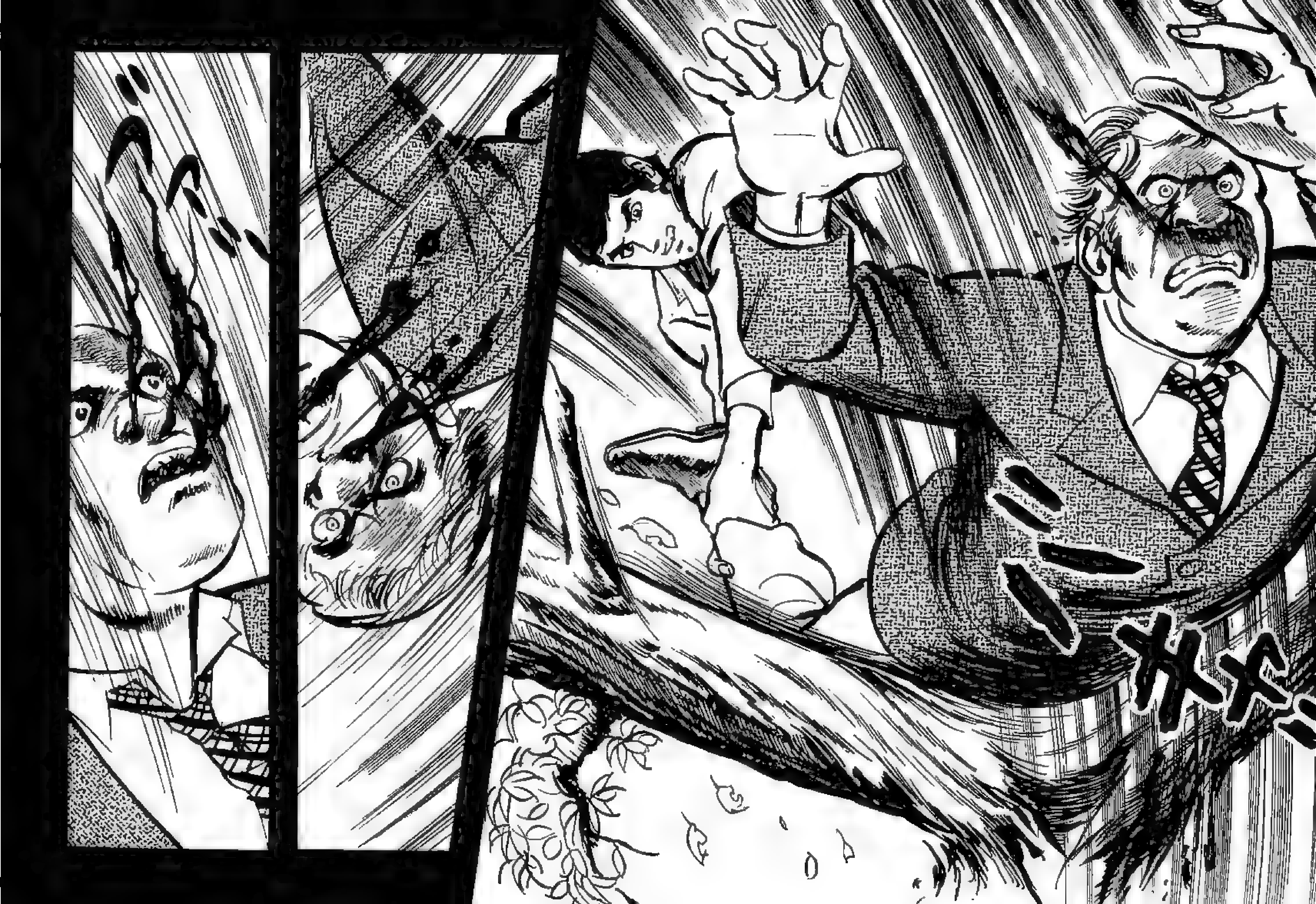
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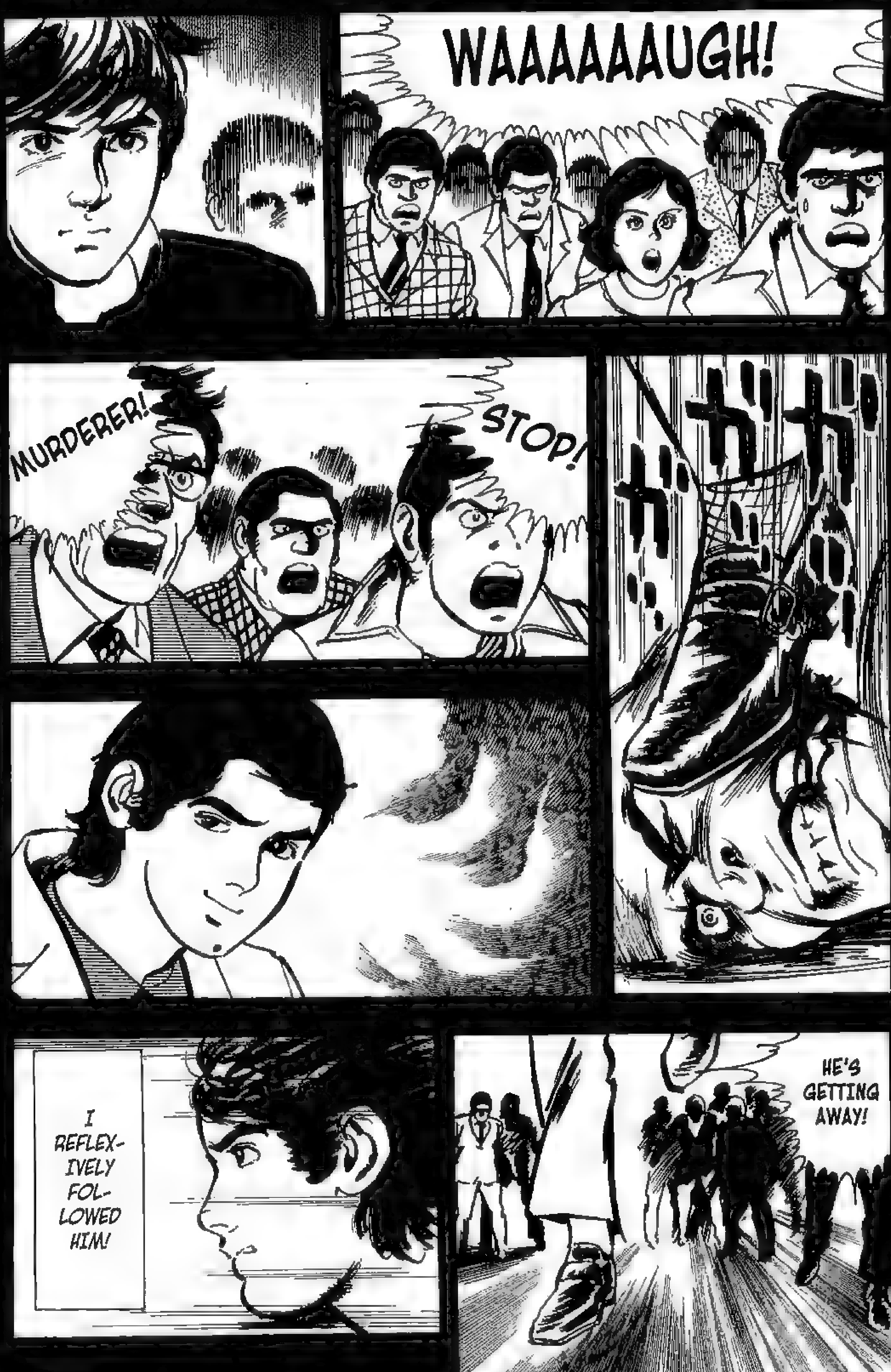
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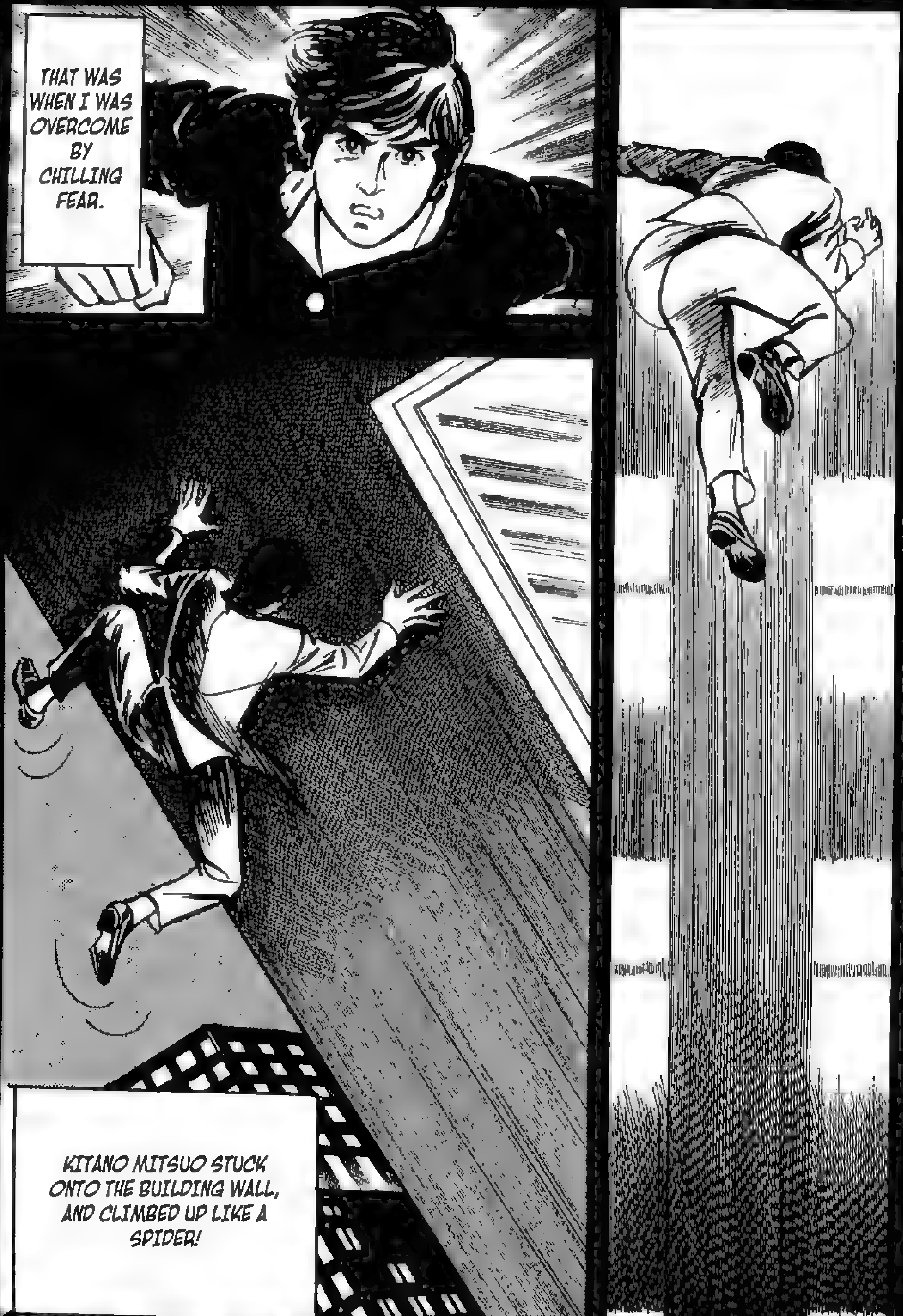
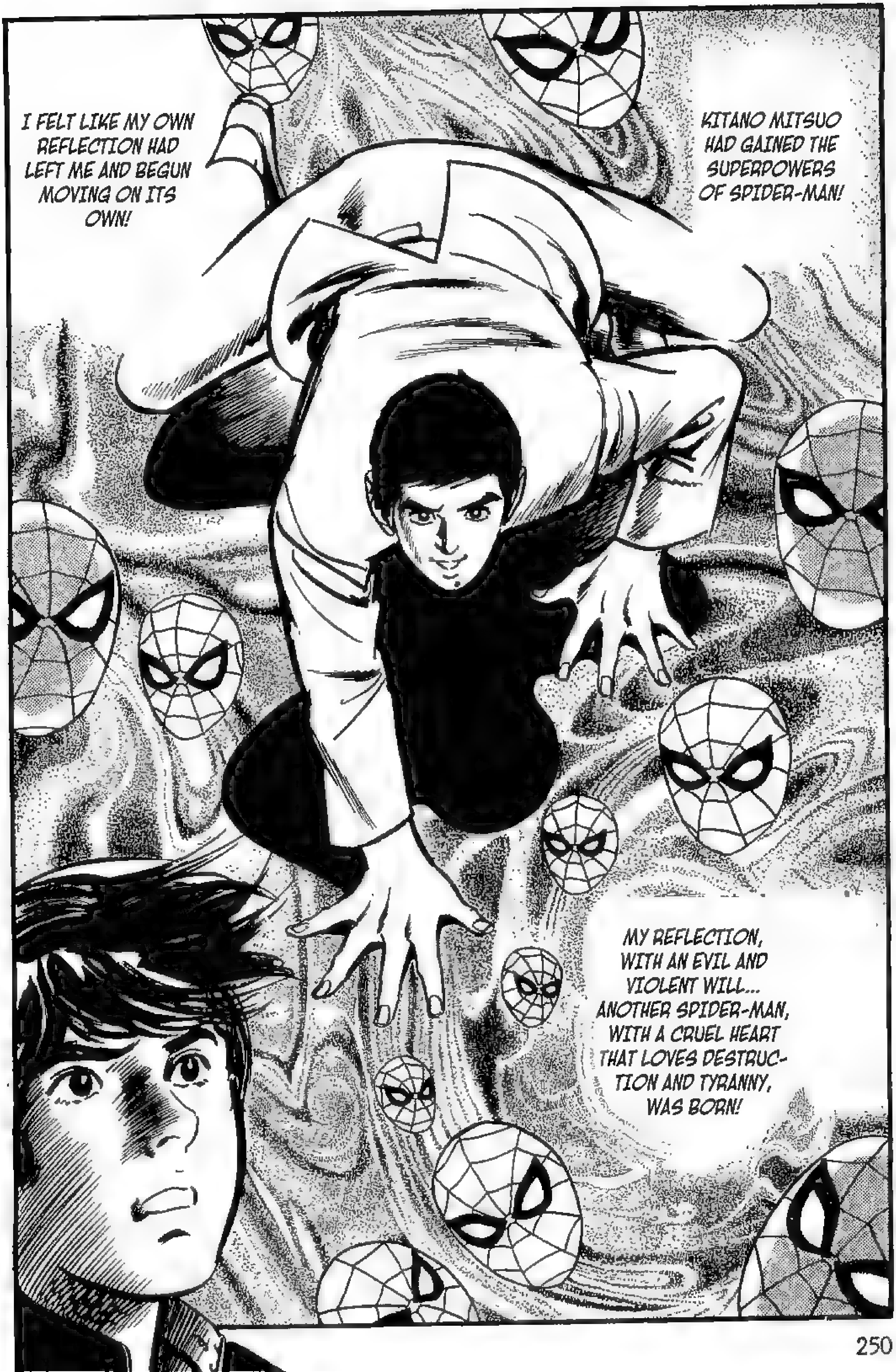
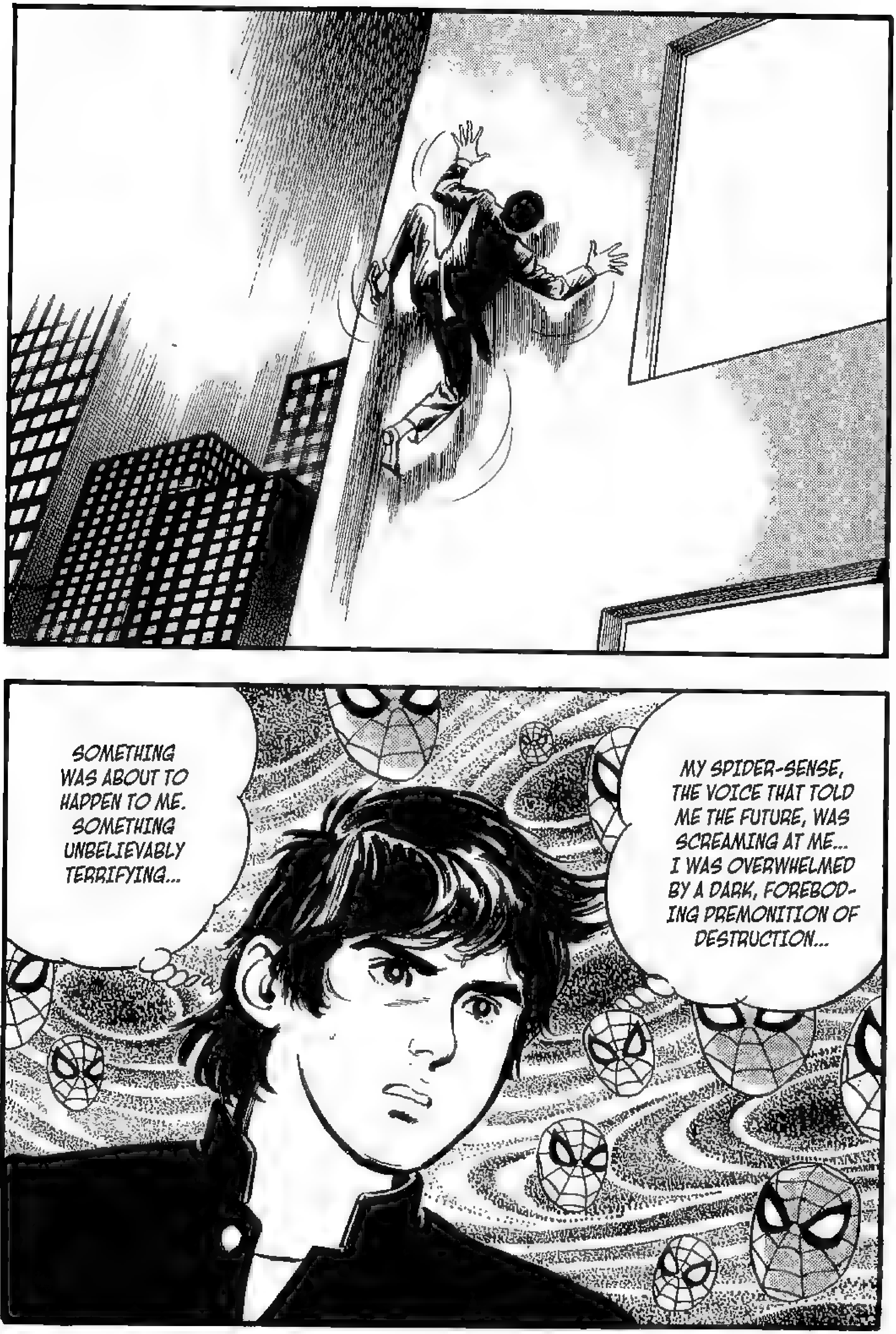
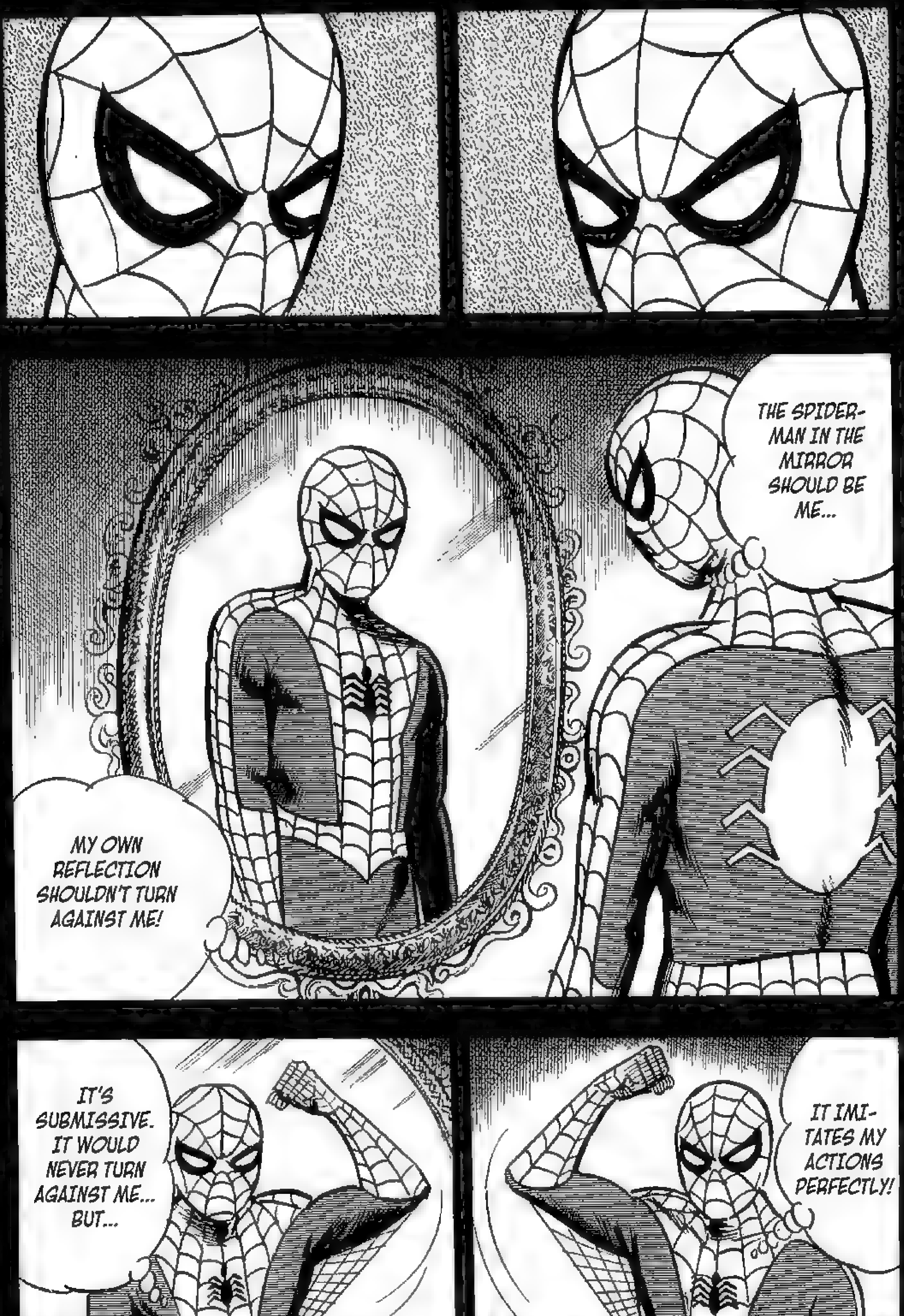
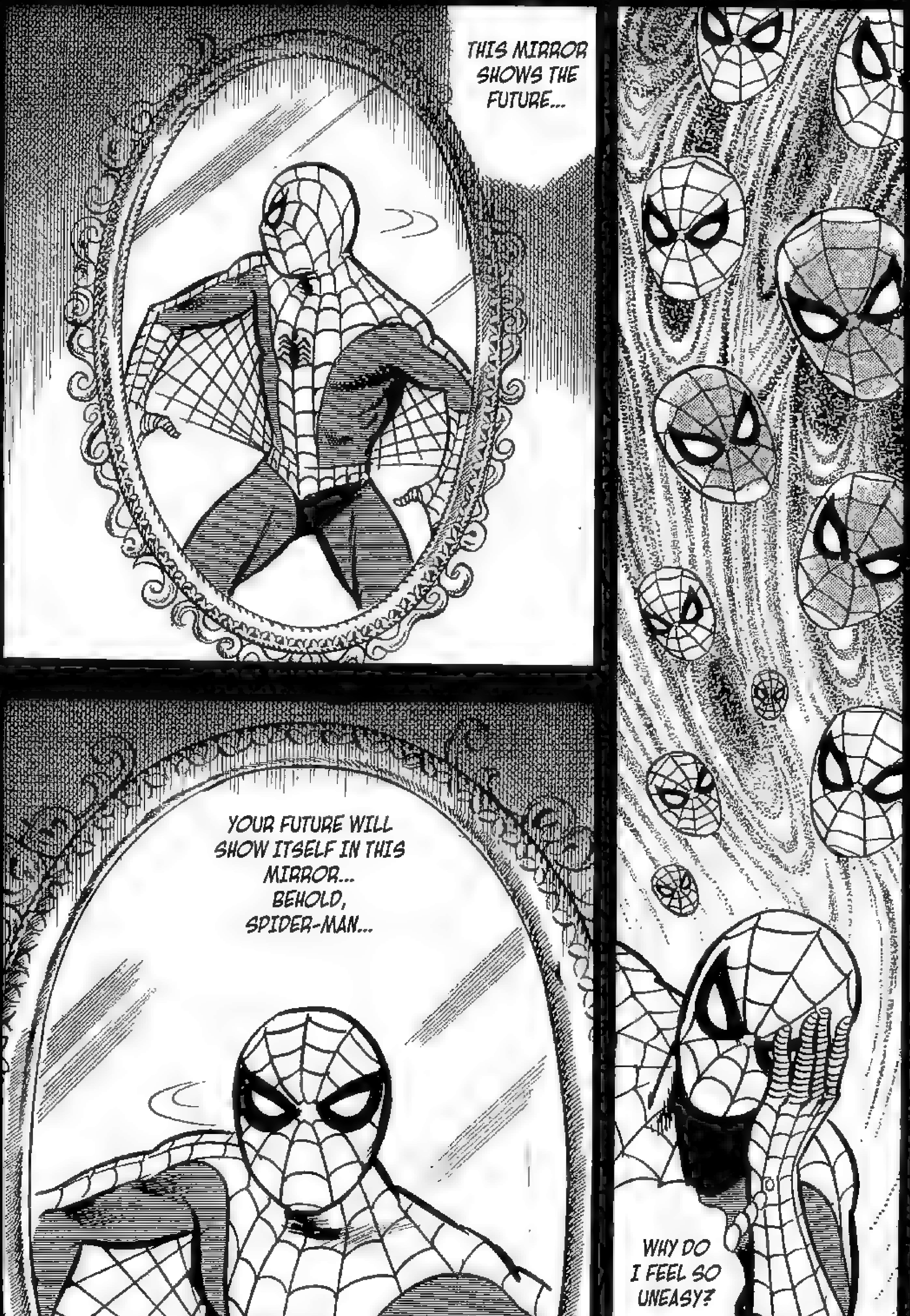
STOP!
MURDERER!
HE'S GETTING AWAY!
I REFLEXIVELY FOLLOWED HIM!

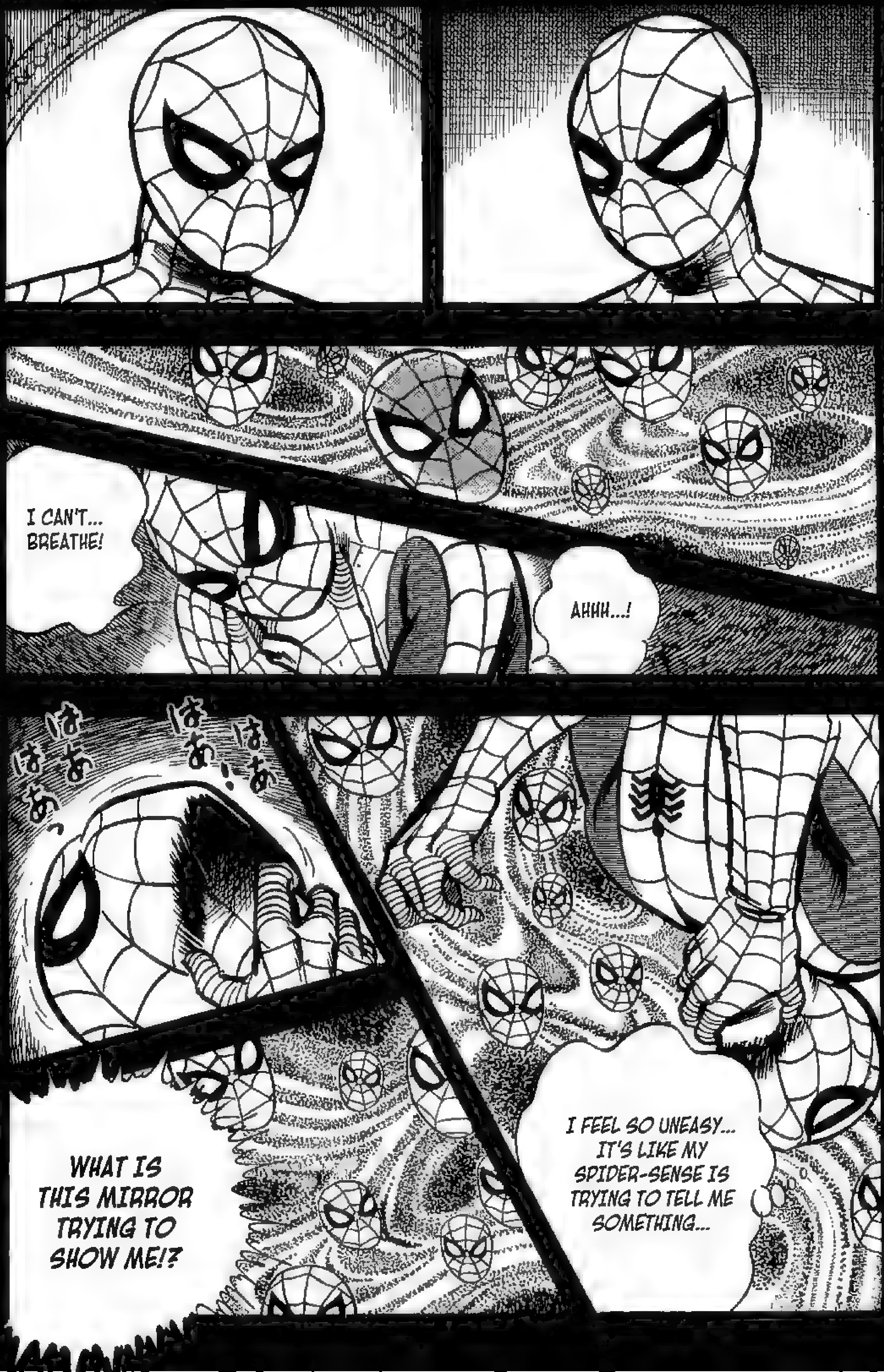

THAT WAS WHEN I WAS OVERCOME BY CHILLING FEAR.
KITANO MITSUO STUCK ONTO THE BUILDING WALL, AND CLIMBED UP LIKE A SPIDER!


KITANO MITSUO HAD GAINED THE SUPERPOWERS OF SPIDER-MAN!
I FELT LIKE MY OWN REFLECTION HAD LEFT ME AND BEGUN MOVING ON ITS OWN!
MY REFLECTION, WITH AN EVIL AND VIOLENT WILL... ANOTHER SPIDER-MAN, WITH A CRUEL HEART THAT LOVES DESTRUCTION AND TYRANNY, WAS BORN!


SOMETHING WAS ABOUT TO HAPPEN TO ME. SOMETHING UNBELIEVABLY TERRIFYING...
MY SPIDER-SENSE, THE VOICE THAT TOLD ME THE FUTURE, WAS SCREAMING AT ME... I WAS OVERWHELMED BY A DARK, FOREBODING PREMONITION OF DESTRUCTION...


THE SPIDER-MAN IN THE MIRROR SHOULD BE ME...
MY OWN REFLECTION SHOULDN'T TURN AGAINST ME!
IT'S SUBMISSIVE. IT WOULD NEVER TURN AGAINST ME... BUT...
IT IMITATES MY ACTIONS PERFECTLY!


THIS MIRROR SHOWS THE FUTURE...
YOUR FUTURE WILL SHOW ITSELF IN THIS MIRROR... BEHOLD, SPIDER-MAN...
WHY DO I FEEL SO UNEASY?


AHHH...!
I CAN'T... BREATHE!
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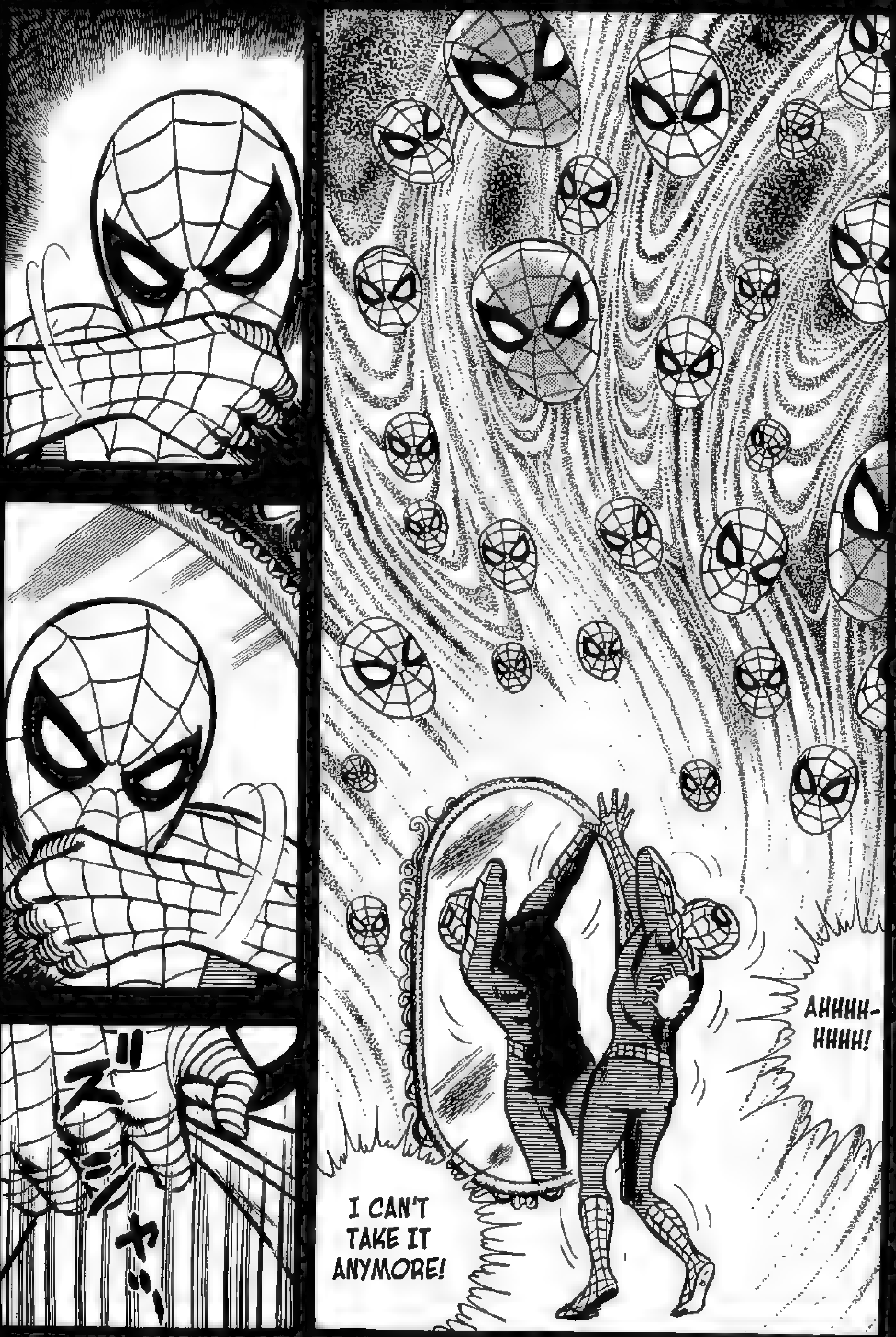
I FEEL SO UNEASY... IT'S LIKE MY SPIDER-SENSE IS TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING...
WHAT IS THIS MIRROR TRYING TO SHOW ME!?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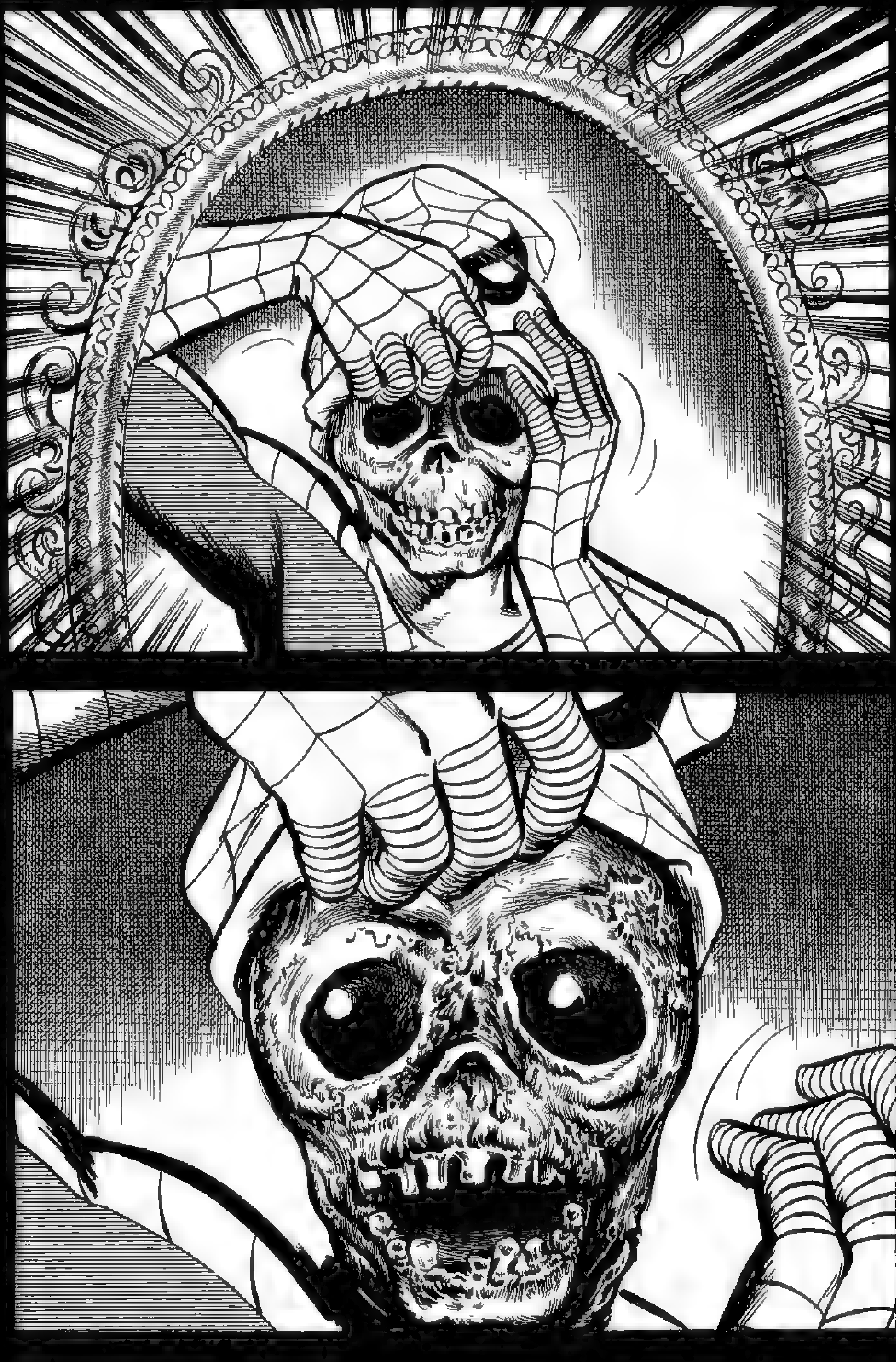
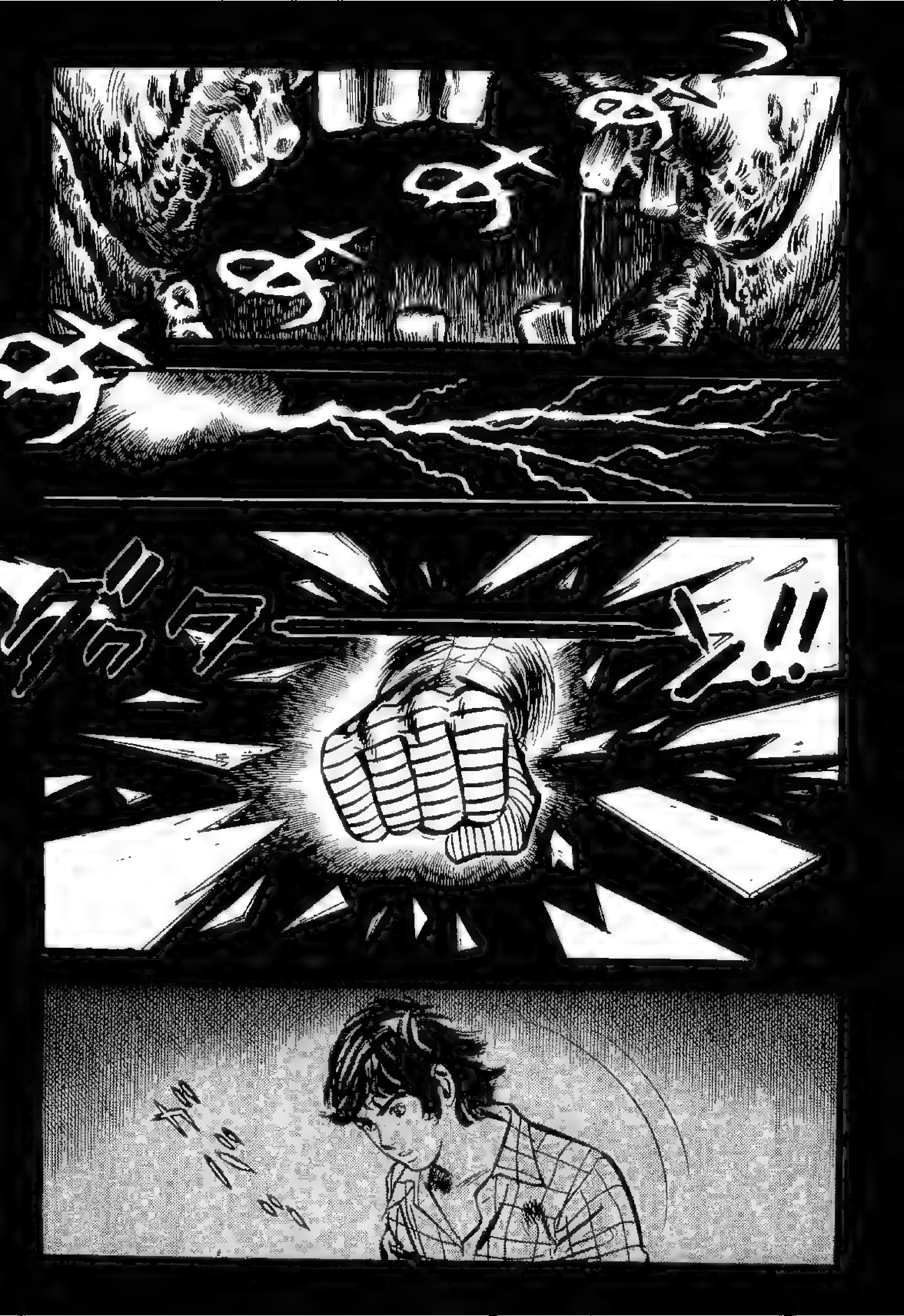
AHHHH-HHHH!
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!

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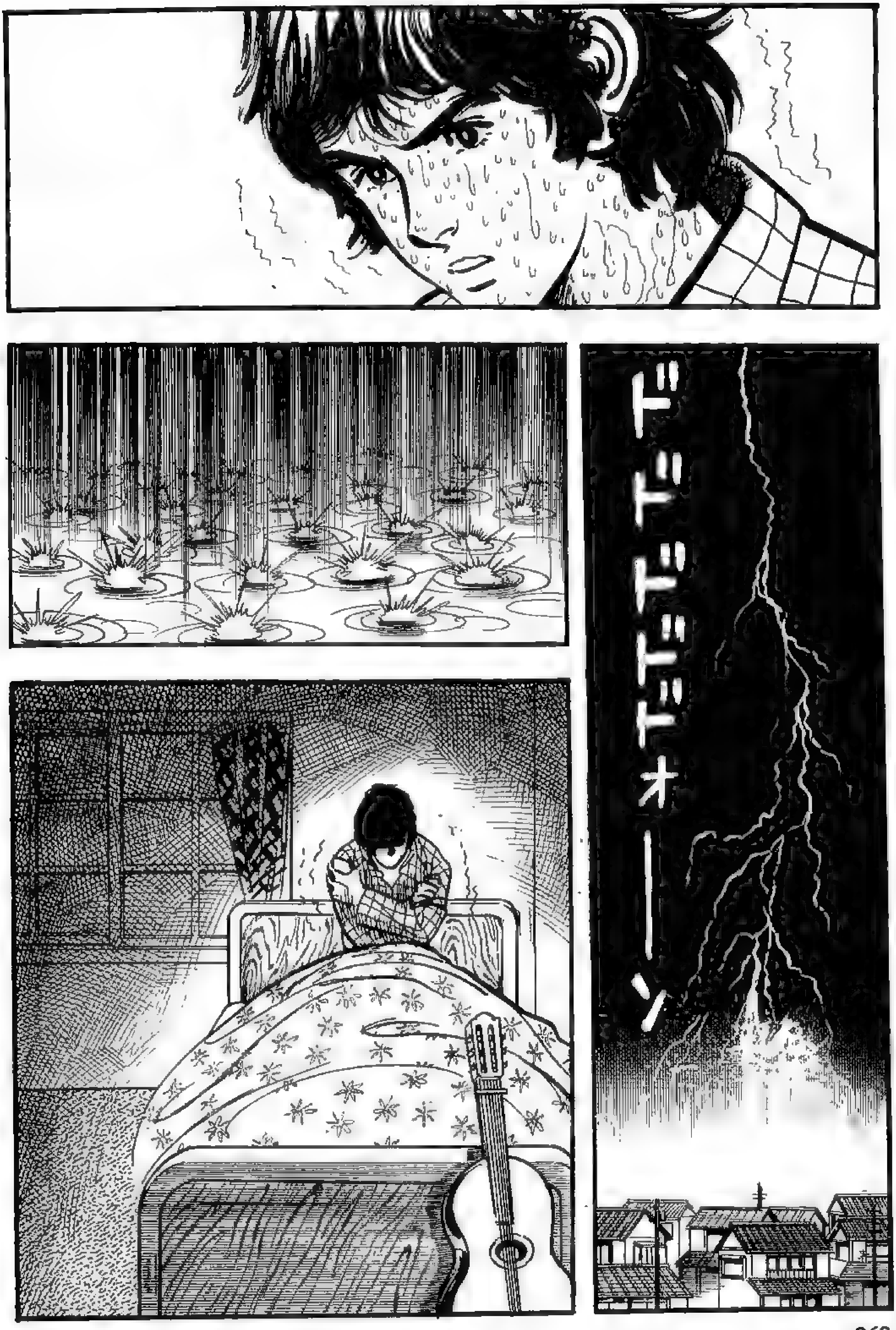
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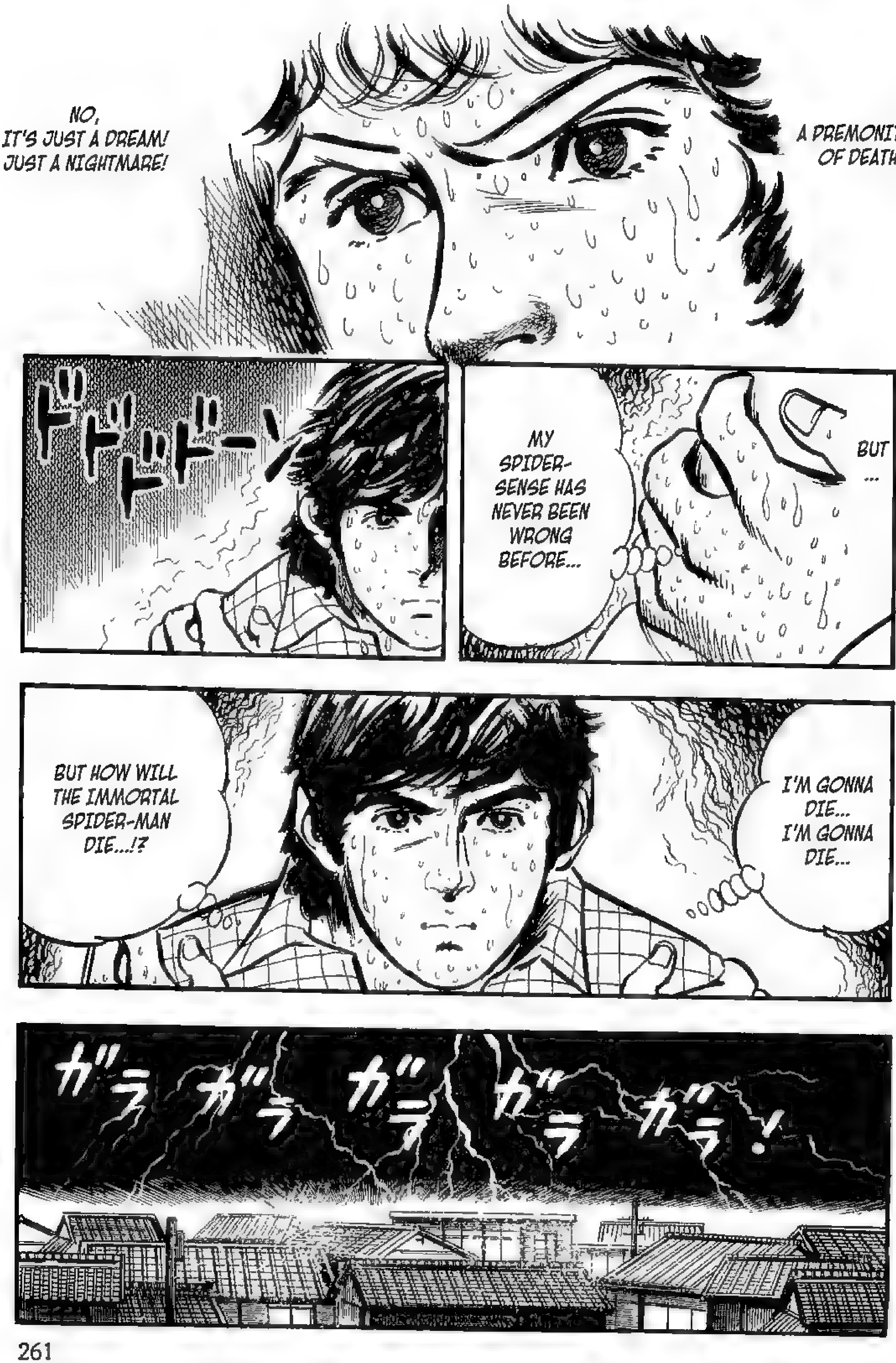
A PREMONITION OF DEATH...
NO, IT'S JUST A DREAM! JUST A NIGHTMARE!
BUT ...
MY SPIDER-SENSE HAS NEVER BEEN WRONG BEFORE...
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I'M GONNA DIE... I'M GONNA DIE...
BUT HOW WILL THE IMMORTAL SPIDER-MAN DIE...!?
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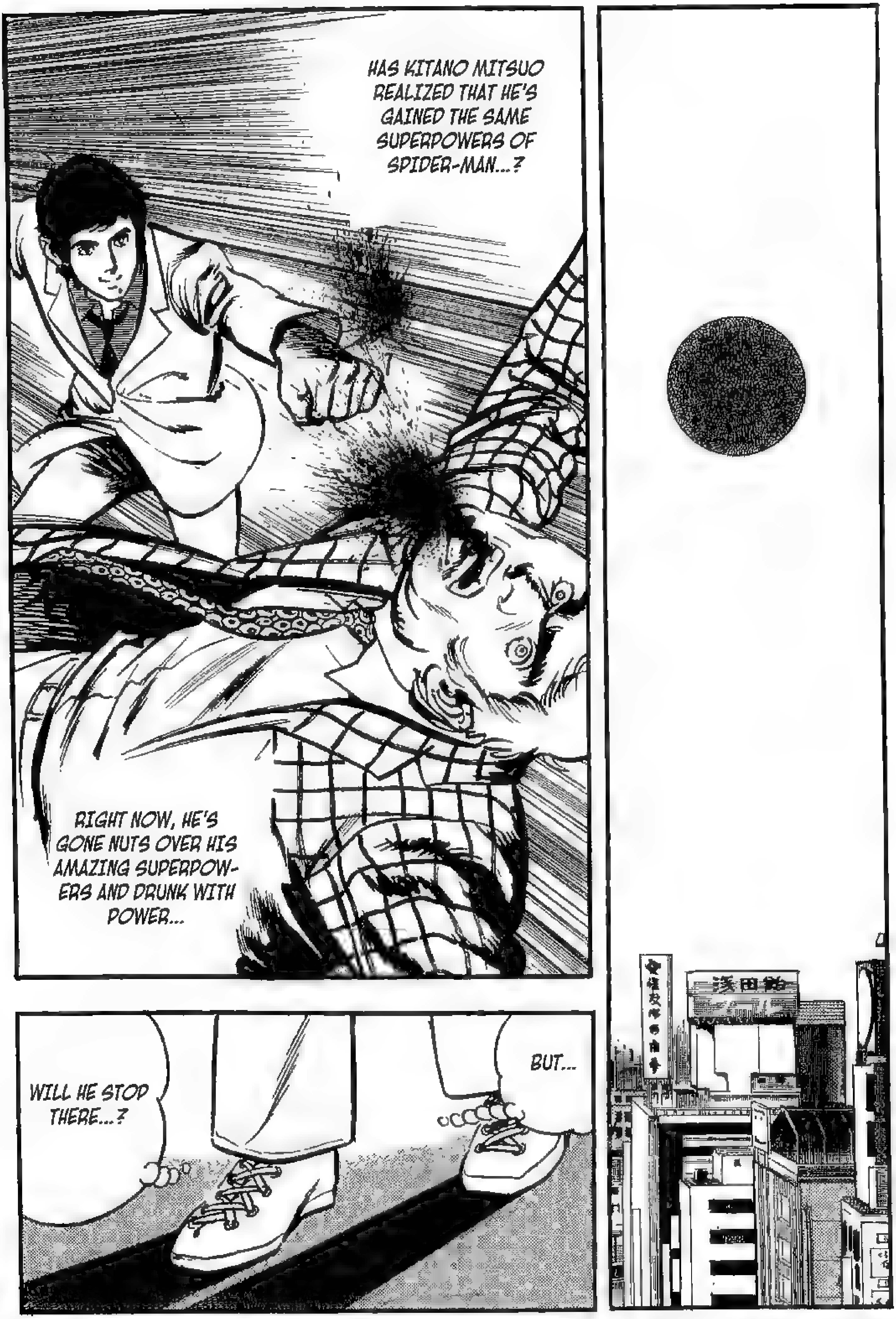
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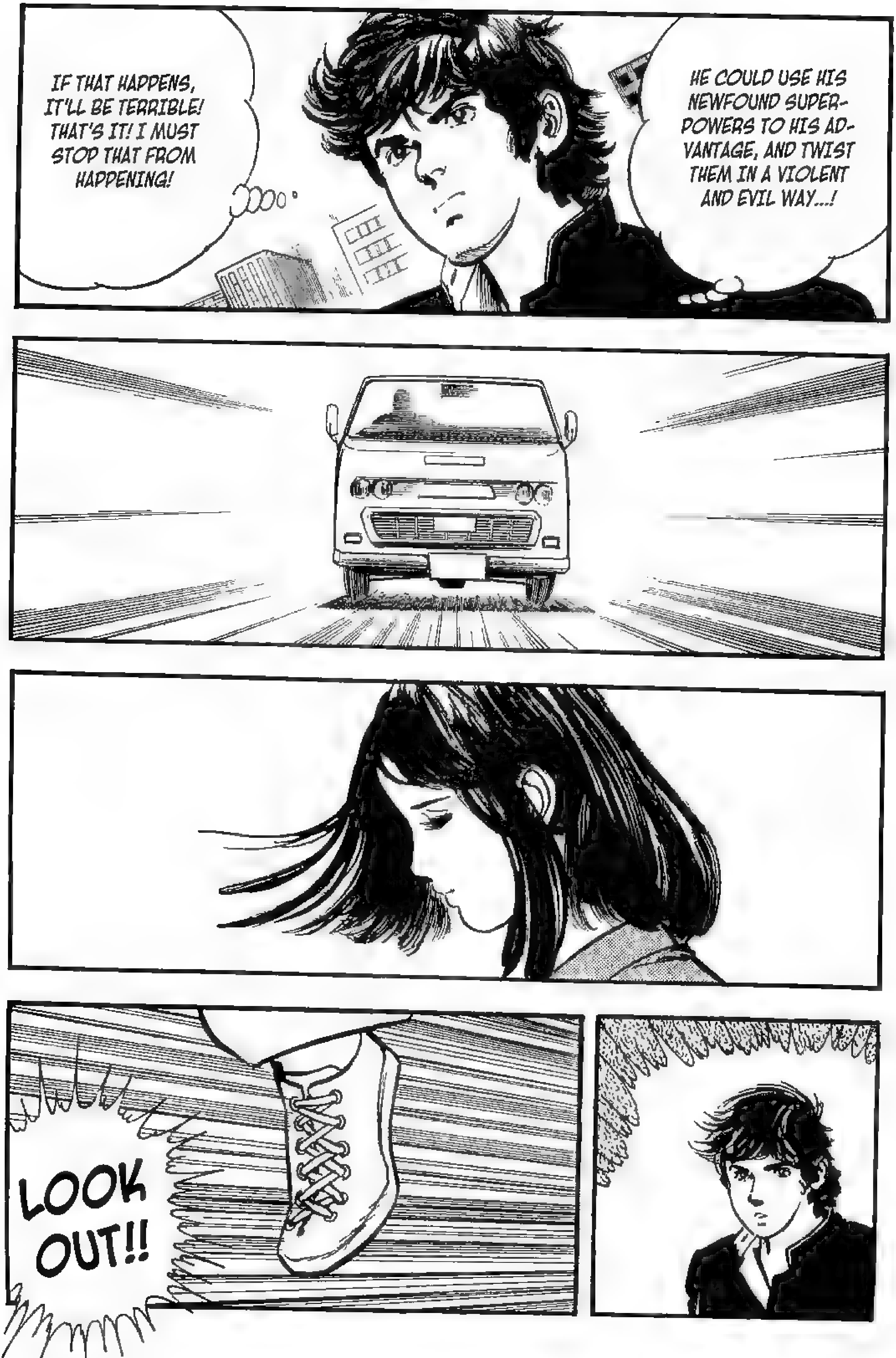
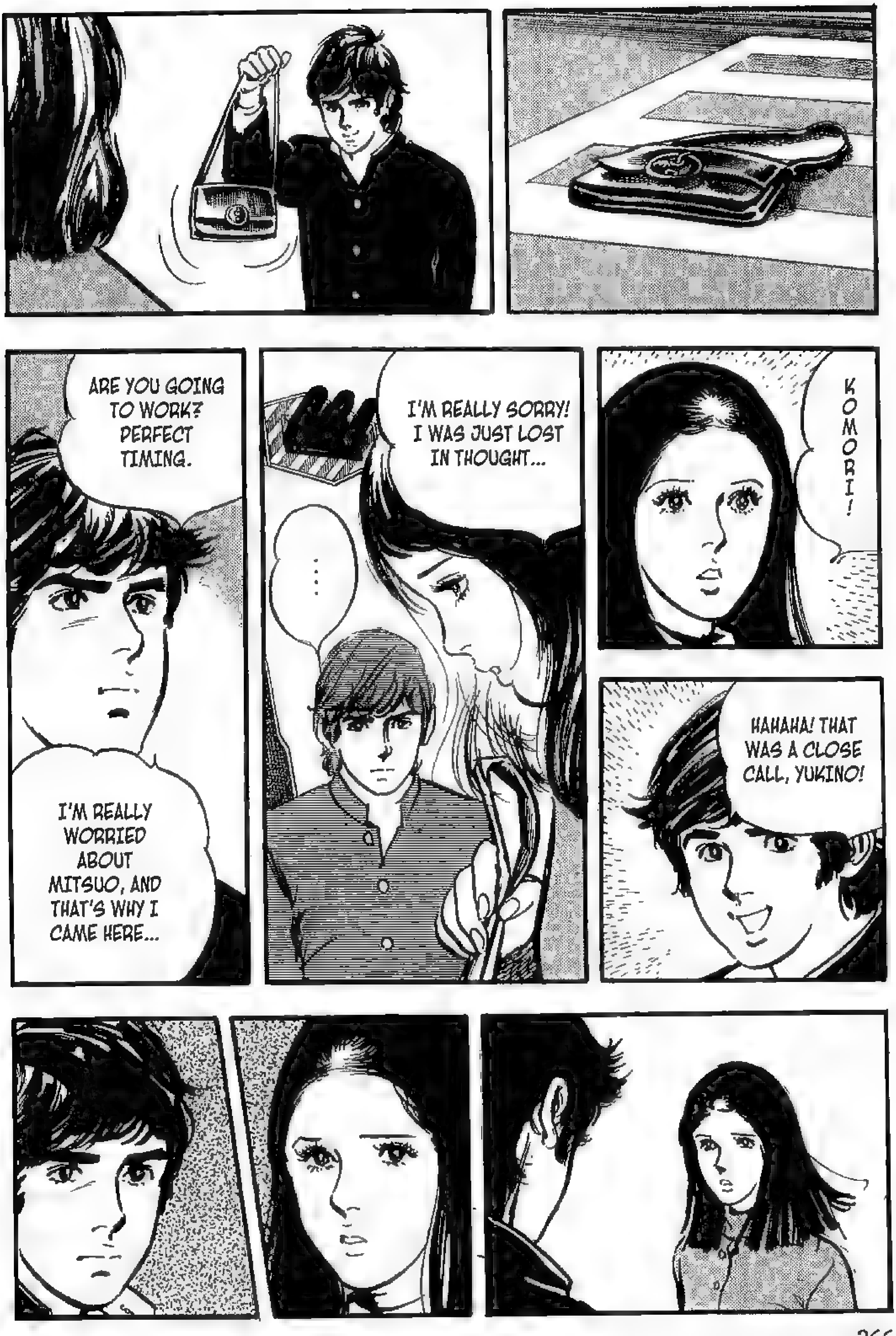
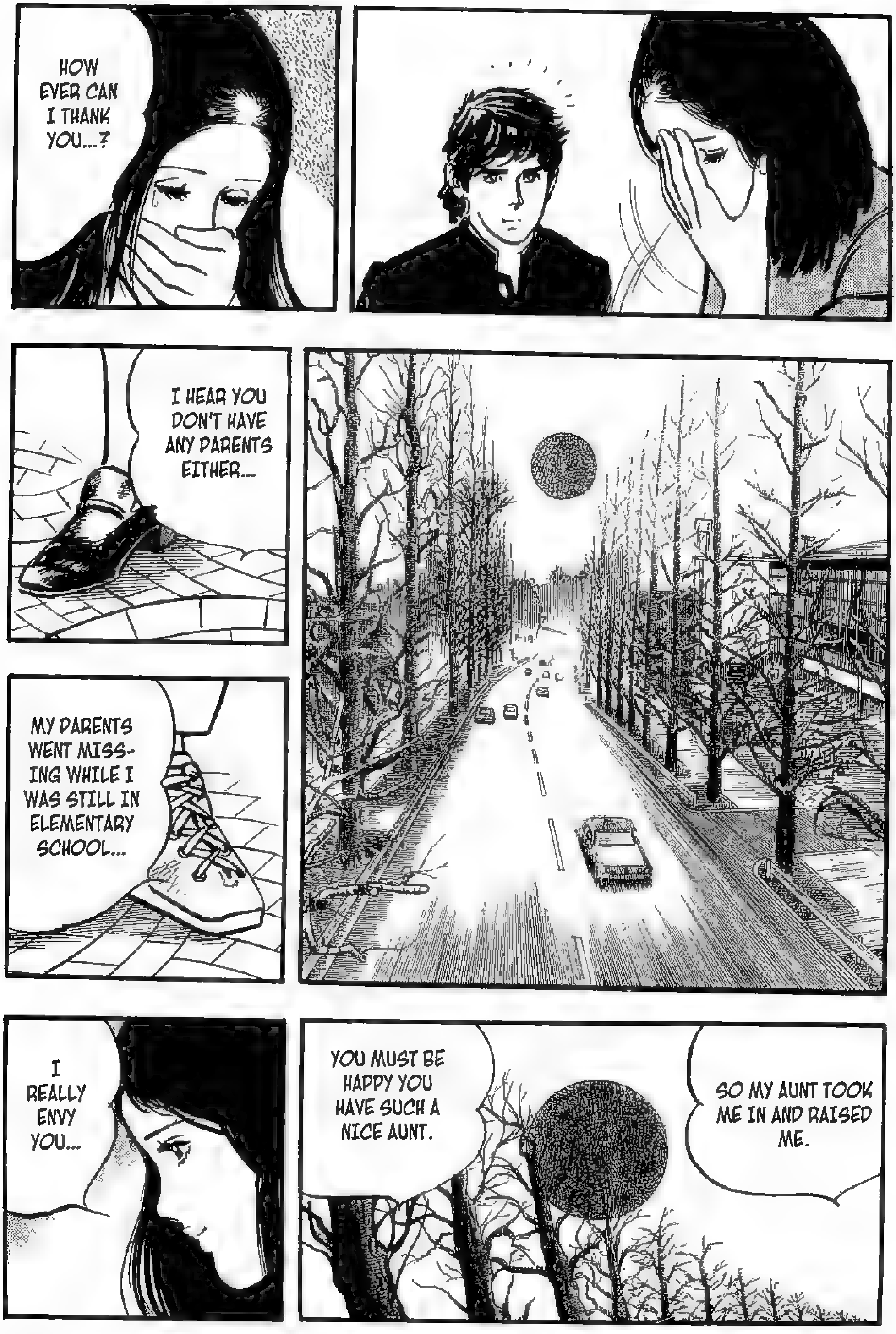
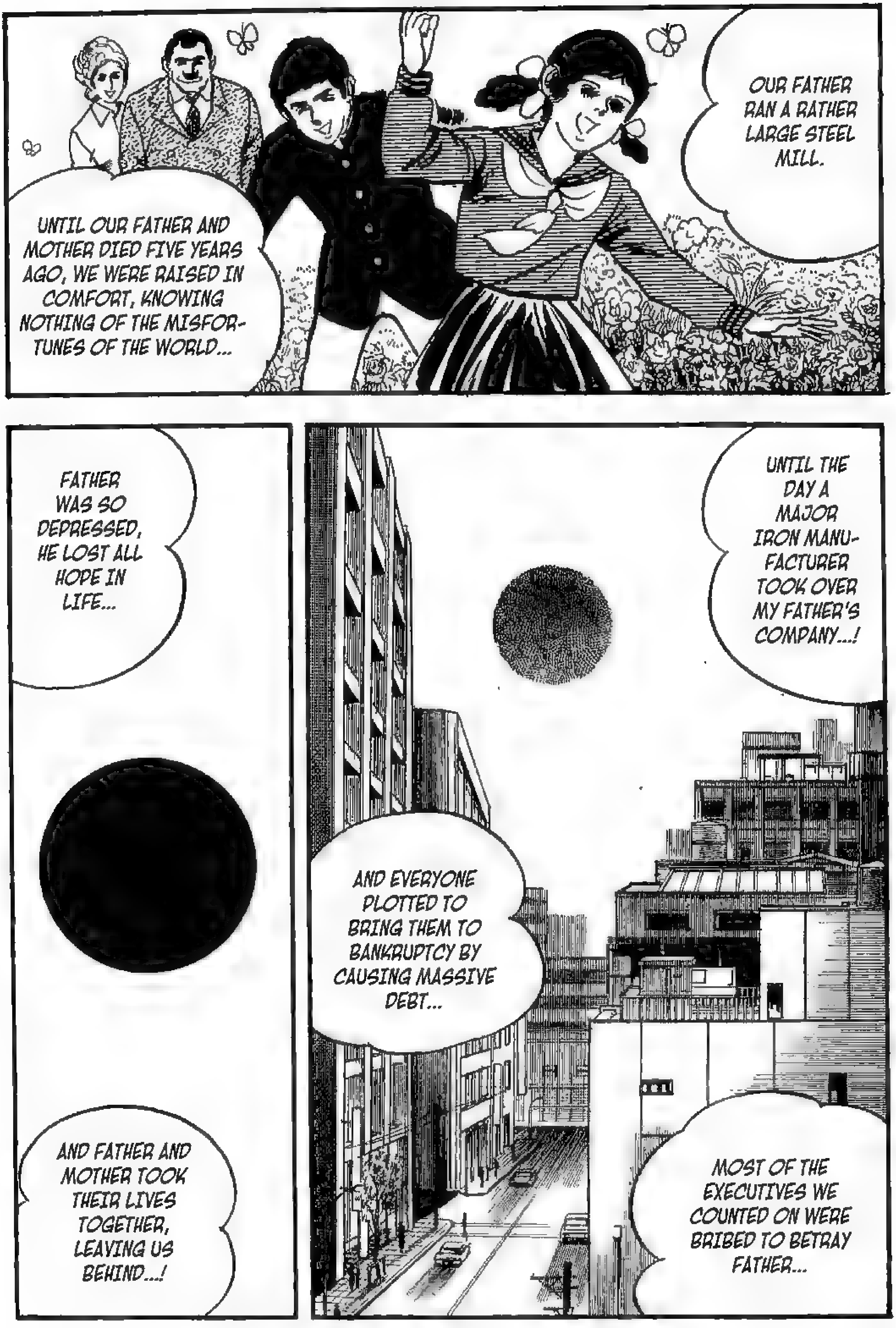
HAS KITANO MITSUO REALIZED THAT HE'S GAINED THE SAME SUPERPOWERS OF SPIDER-MAN...?
RIGHT NOW, HE'S GONE NUTS OVER HIS AMAZING SUPERPOWERS AND DRUNK WITH POWER...
BUT...
WILL HE STOP THERE...?

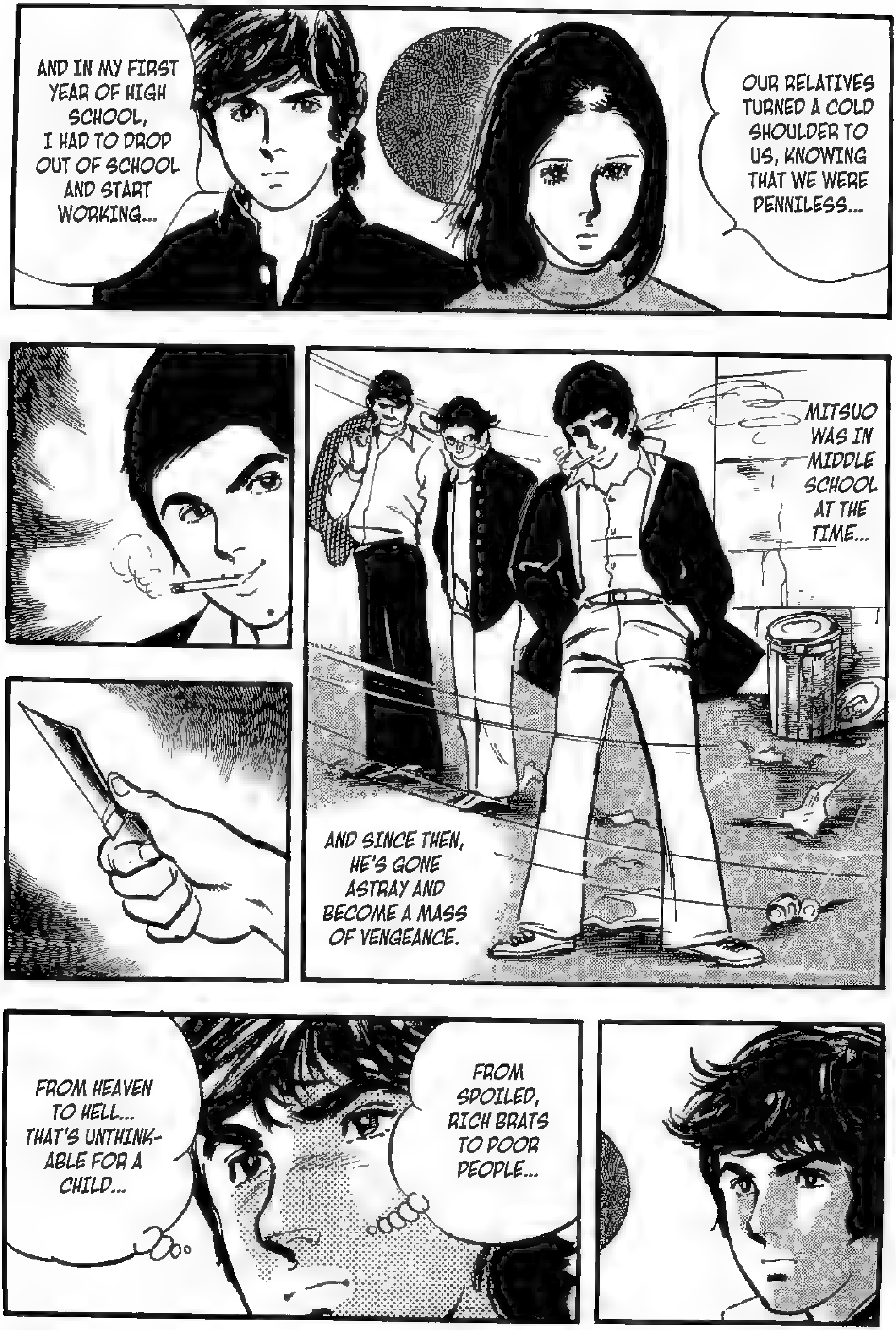

HE COULD USE HIS NEWFOUND SUPER-POWERS TO HIS ADVANTAGE, AND TWIST THEM IN A VIOLENT AND EVIL WAY...!
IF THAT HAPPENS, IT'LL BE TERRIBLE! THAT'S IT! I MUST STOP THAT FROM HAPPENING!
LOOK OUT!!

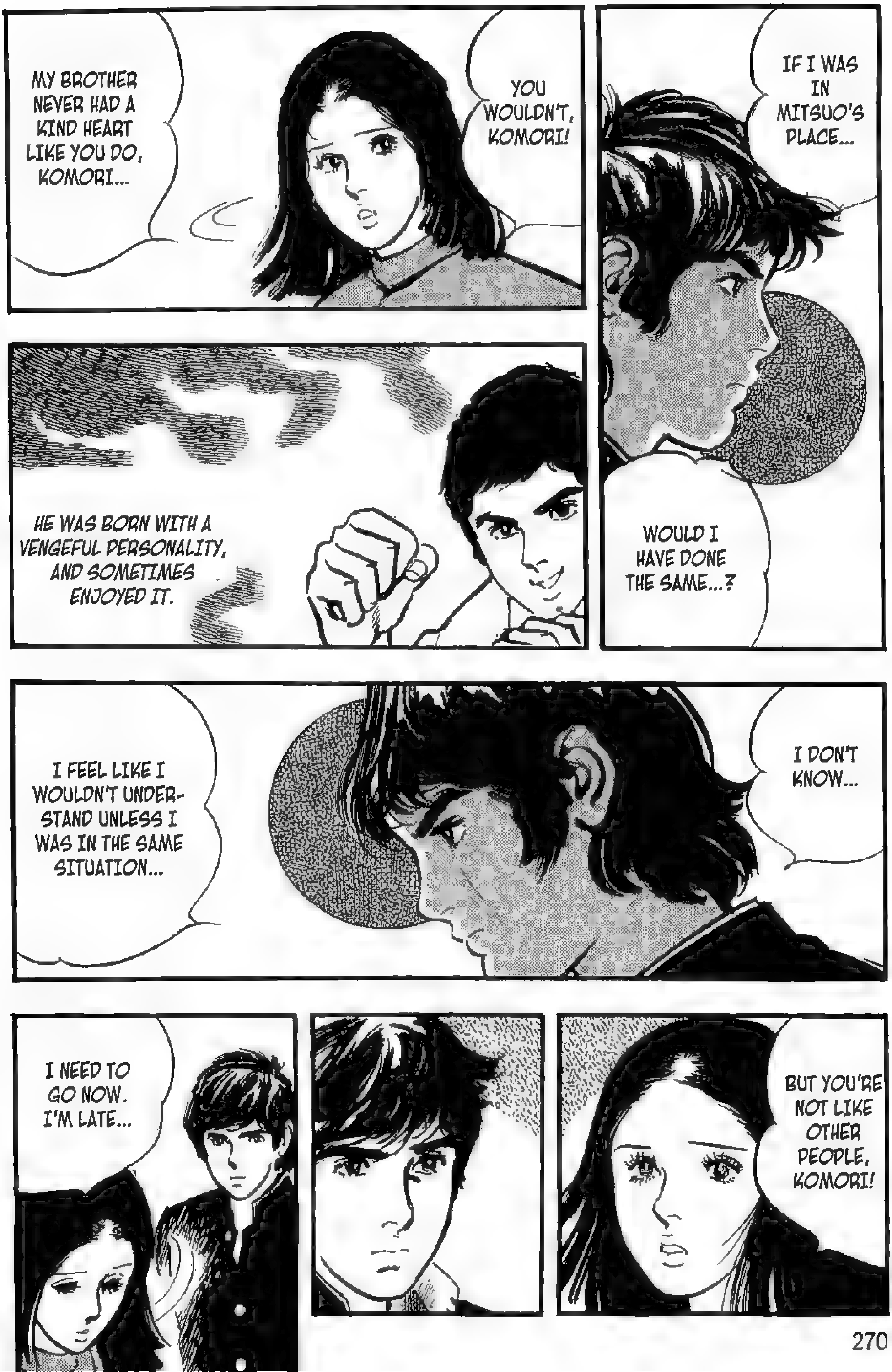
HEY, DIDN'T YOU SEE THE LIGHT, FUCKIN' IDIOT!?

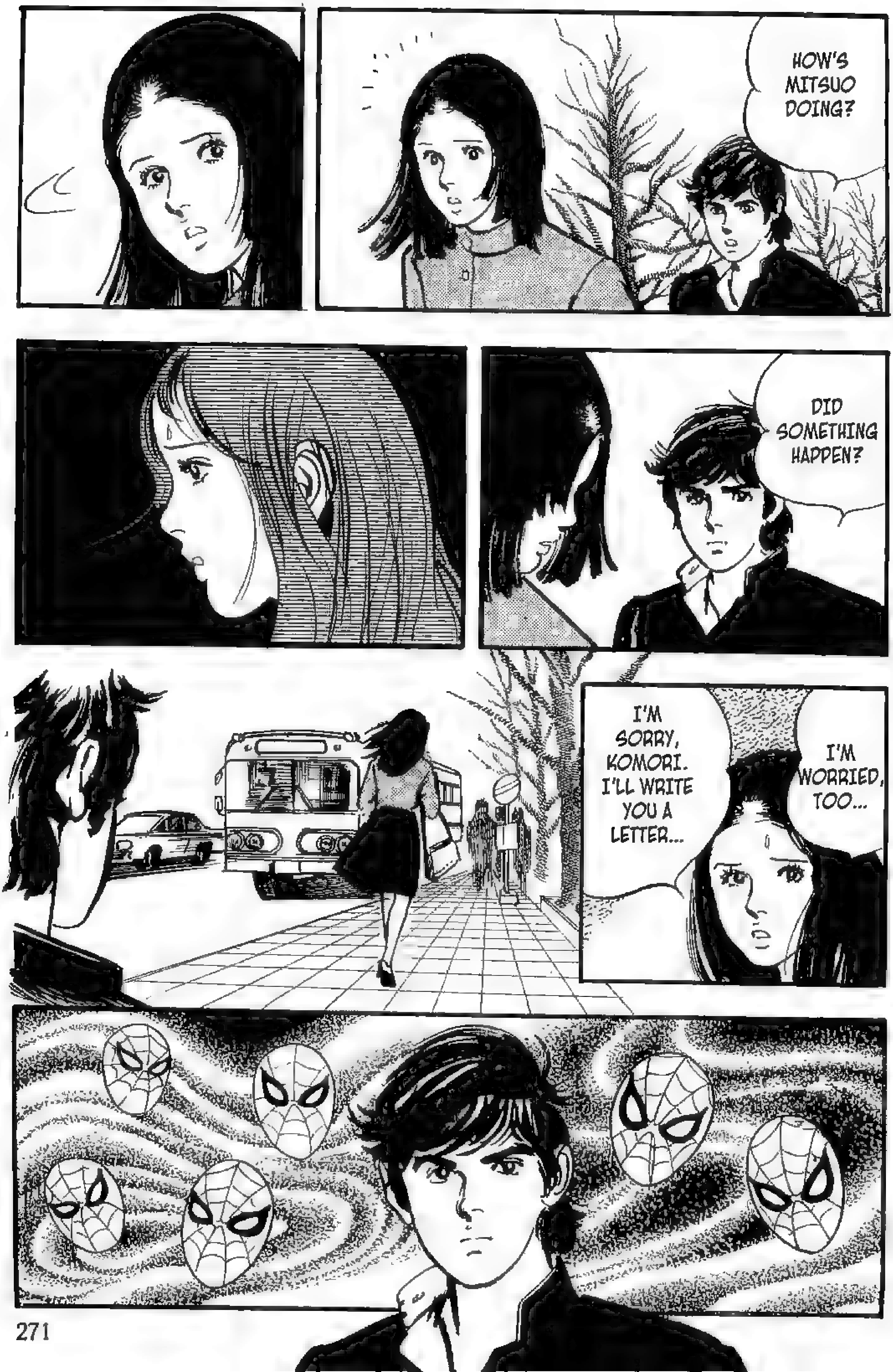

KOMORI!
HAHAHA! THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL, YUKINO!
I'M REALLY SORRY! I WAS JUST LOST IN THOUGHT...
....
ARE YOU GOING TO WORK? PERFECT TIMING.
I'M REALLY WORRIED ABOUT MITSUO, AND THAT'S WHY I CAME HERE...

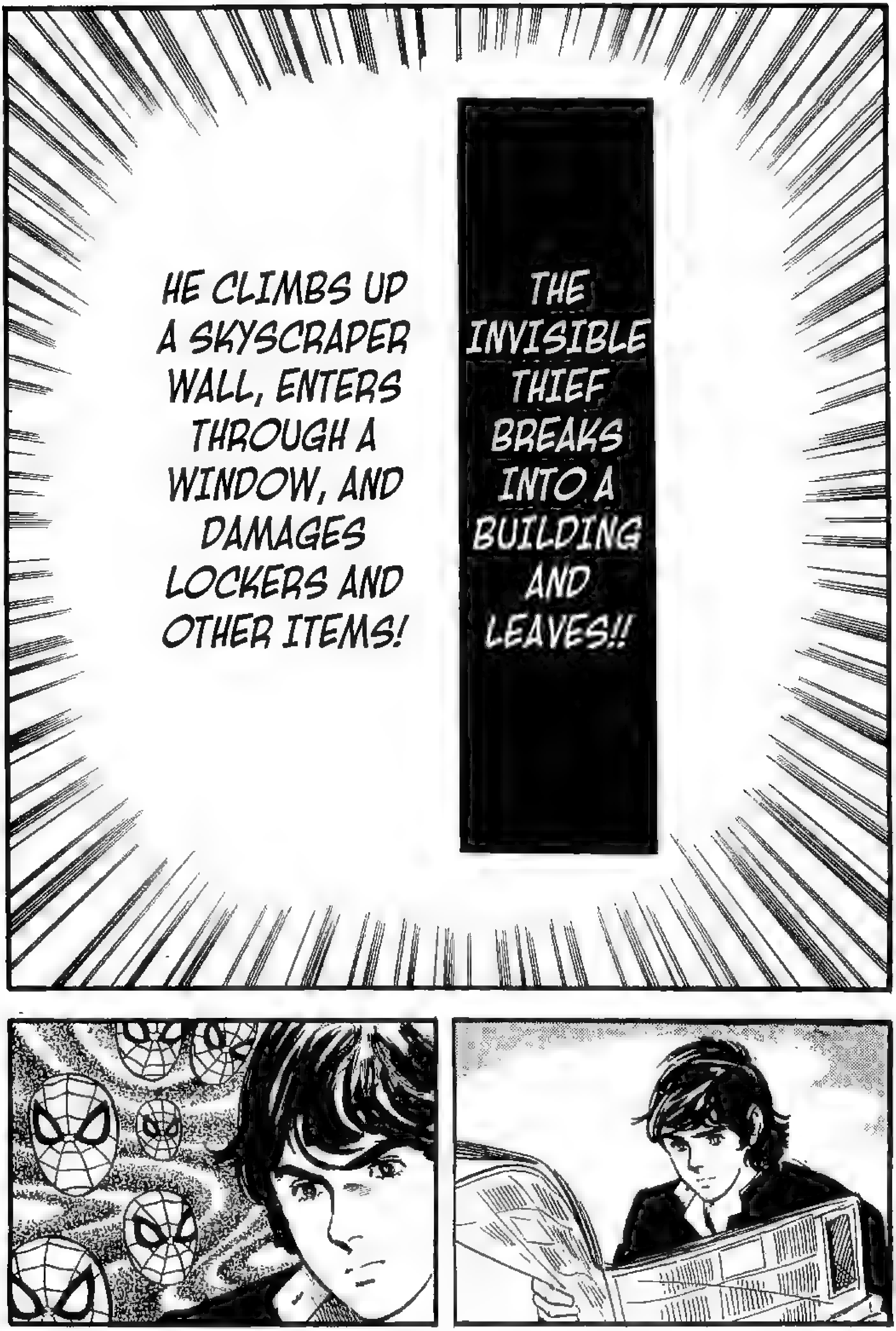

HOW EVER CAN I THANK YOU...?
I HEAR YOU DON'T HAVE ANY PARENTS EITHER...
MY PARENTS WENT MISSING WHILE I WAS STILL IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...
SO MY AUNT TOOK ME IN AND RAISED ME.
YOU MUST BE HAPPY YOU HAVE SUCH A NICE AUNT.
I REALLY ENVY YOU...

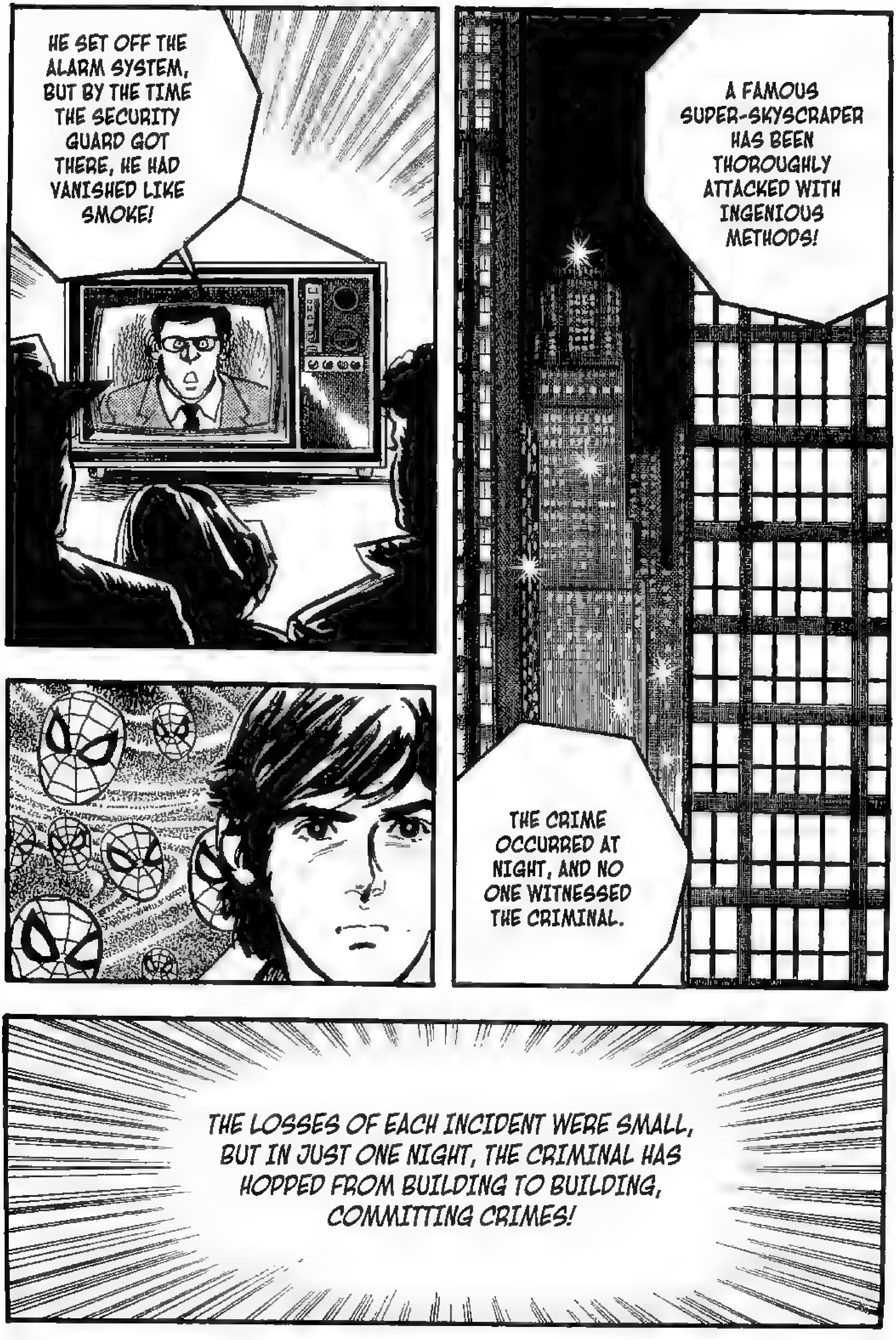

OUR FATHER RAN A RATHER LARGE STEEL MILL.
UNTIL OUR FATHER AND MOTHER DIED FIVE YEARS AGO, WE WERE RAISED IN COMFORT, KNOWING NOTHING OF THE MISFORTUNES OF THE WORLD...
UNTIL THE DAY A MAJOR IRON MANUFACTURER TOOK OVER MY FATHER'S COMPANY...!
AND EVERYONE PLOTTED TO BRING THEM TO BANKRUPTCY BY CAUSING MASSIVE DEBT...
MOST OF THE EXECUTIVES WE COUNTED ON WERE BRIBED TO BETRAY FATHER...
FATHER WAS SO DEPRESSED, HE LOST ALL HOPE IN LIFE...
AND FATHER AND MOTHER TOOK THEIR LIVES TOGETHER, LEAVING US BEHIND...!

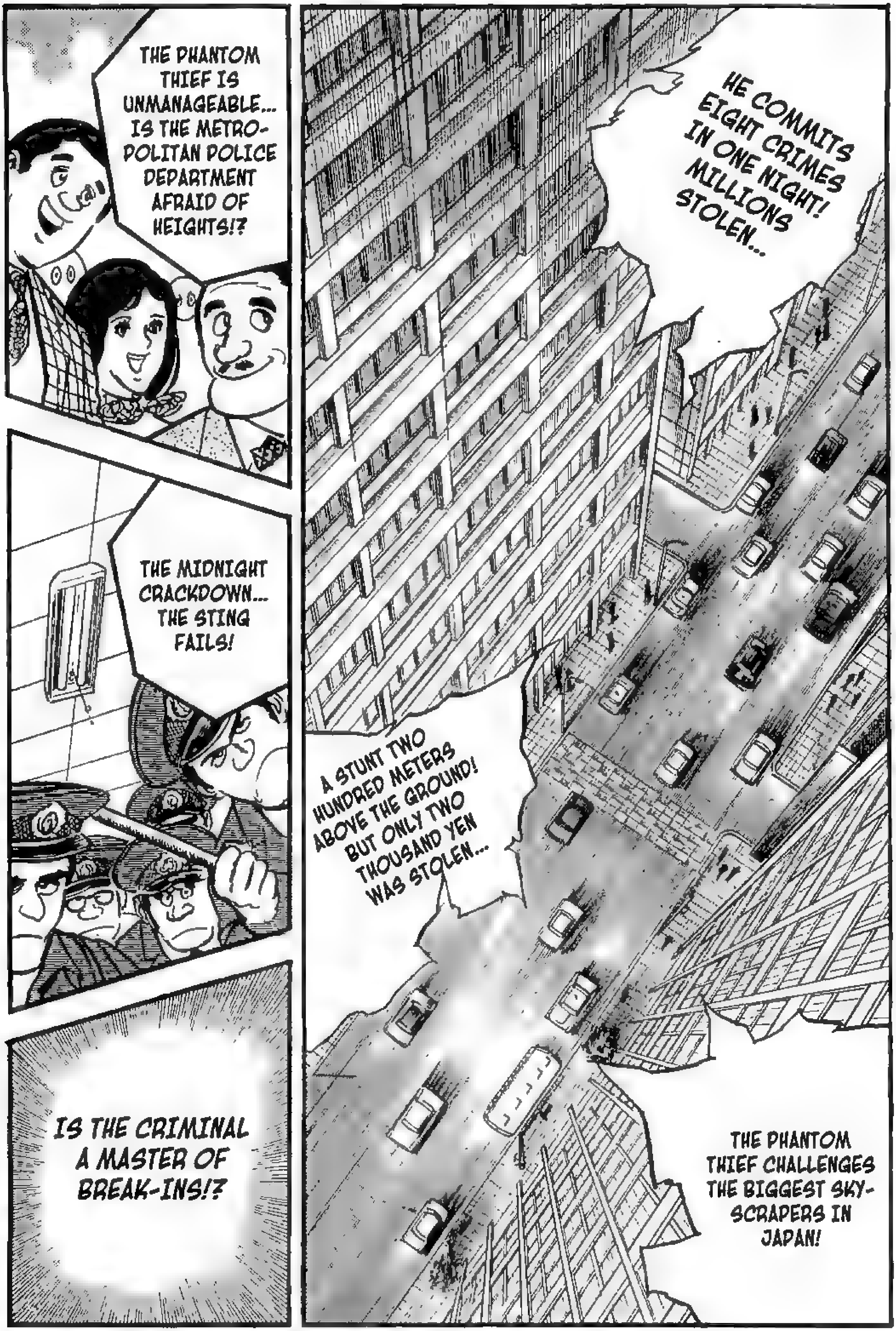

OUR RELATIVES TURNED A COLD SHOULDER TO US, KNOWING THAT WE WERE PENNILESS...
AND IN MY FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, I HAD TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL AND START WORKING...
MITSUO WAS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AT THE TIME...
AND SINCE THEN, HE'S GONE ASTRAY AND BECOME A MASS OF VENGEANCE.
FROM SPOILED, RICH BRATS TO POOR PEOPLE...
FROM HEAVEN TO HELL... THAT'S UNTHINKABLE FOR A CHILD...

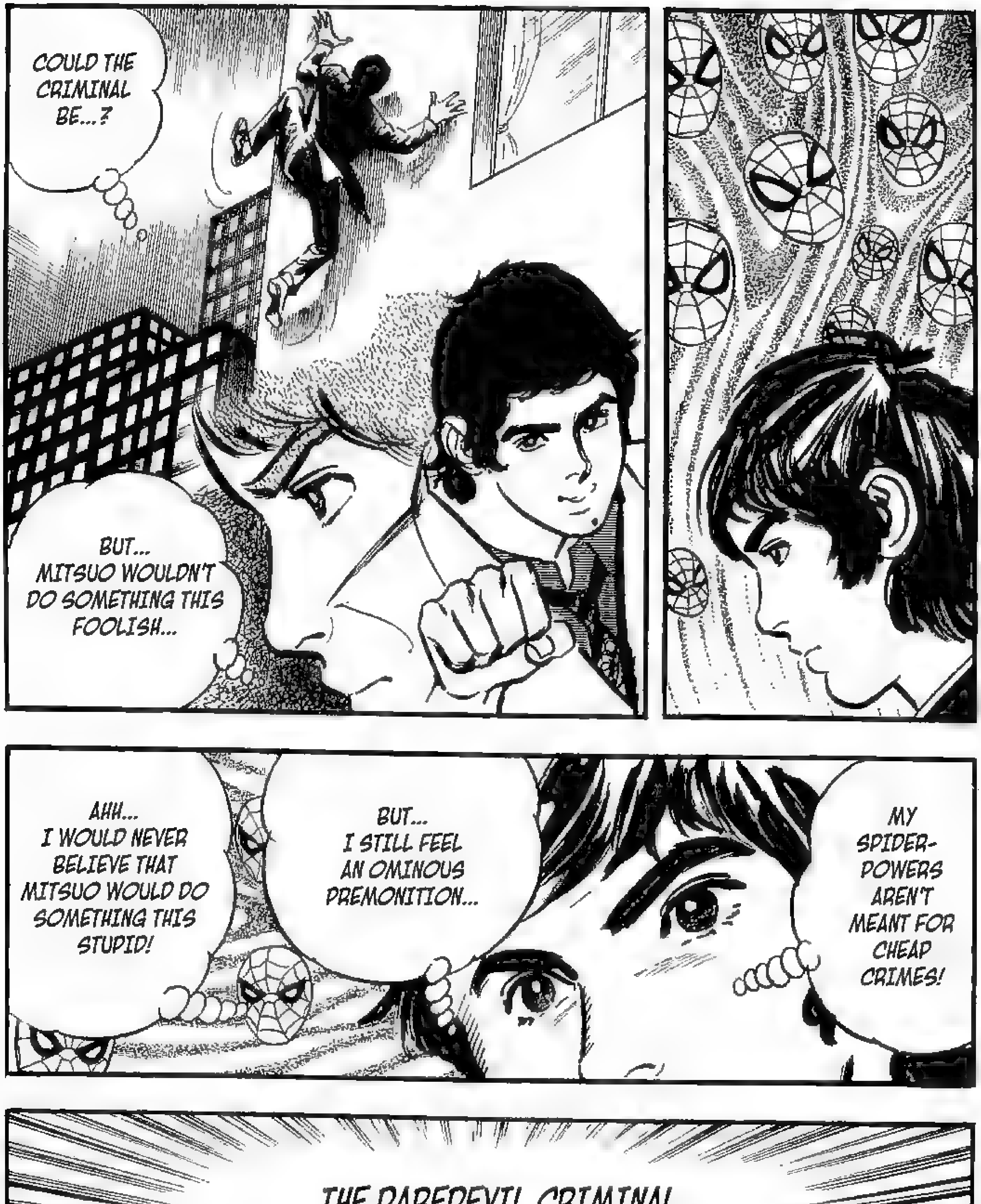

IF I WAS IN MITSUO'S PLACE...
WOULD I HAVE DONE THE SAME...?
YOU WOULDN'T, KOMORI!
MY BROTHER NEVER HAD A KIND HEART LIKE YOU DO, KOMORI...
HE WAS BORN WITH A VENGEFUL PERSONALITY, AND SOMETIMES ENJOYED IT.
I DON'T KNOW...
I FEEL LIKE I WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND UNLESS I WAS IN THE SAME SITUATION...
BUT YOU'RE NOT LIKE OTHER PEOPLE, KOMORI!
I NEED TO GO NOW. I'M LATE...

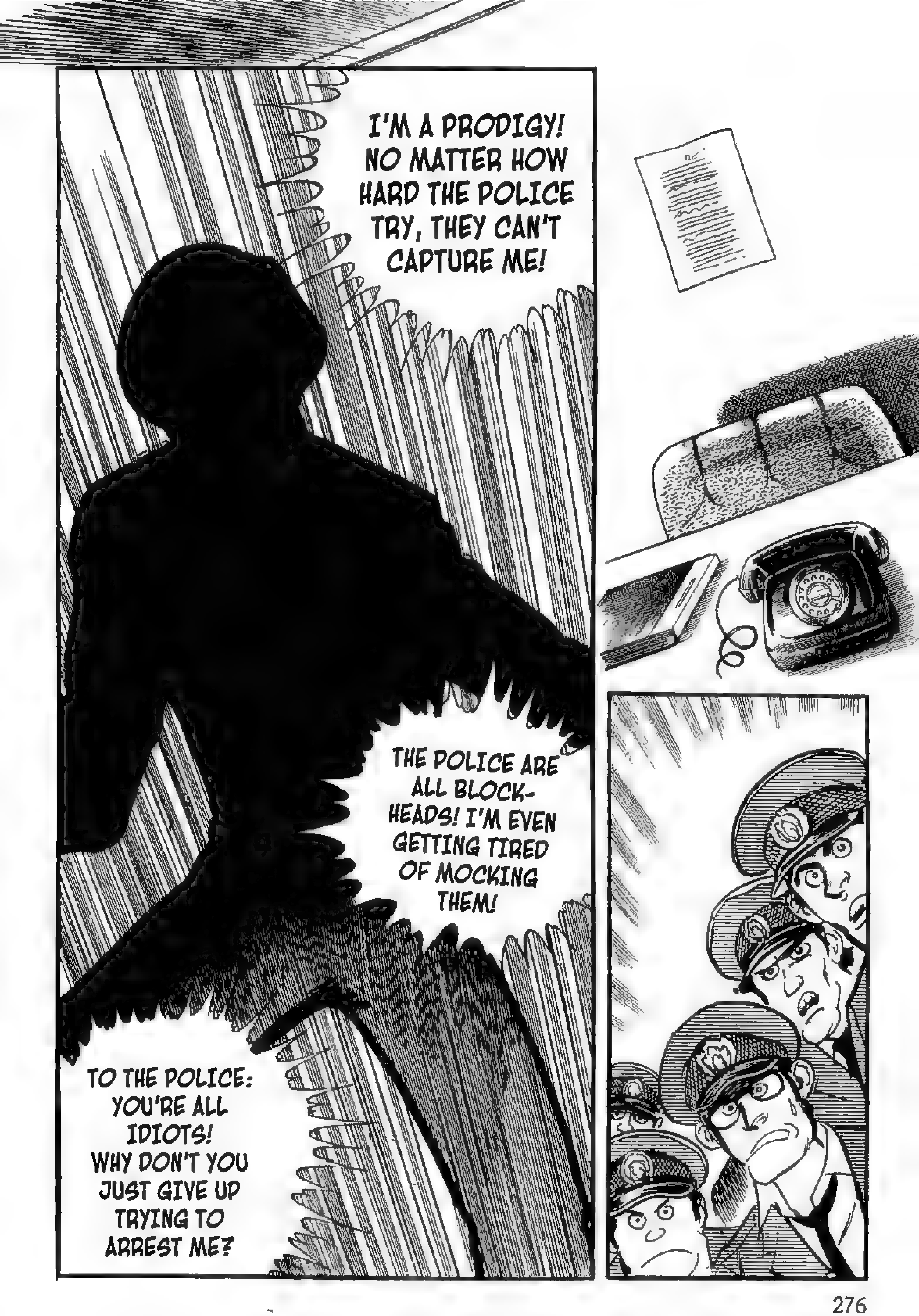

HOW'S MITSUO DOING?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
I'M WORRIED, TOO...
I'M SORRY, KOMORI. I'LL WRITE YOU A LETTER...

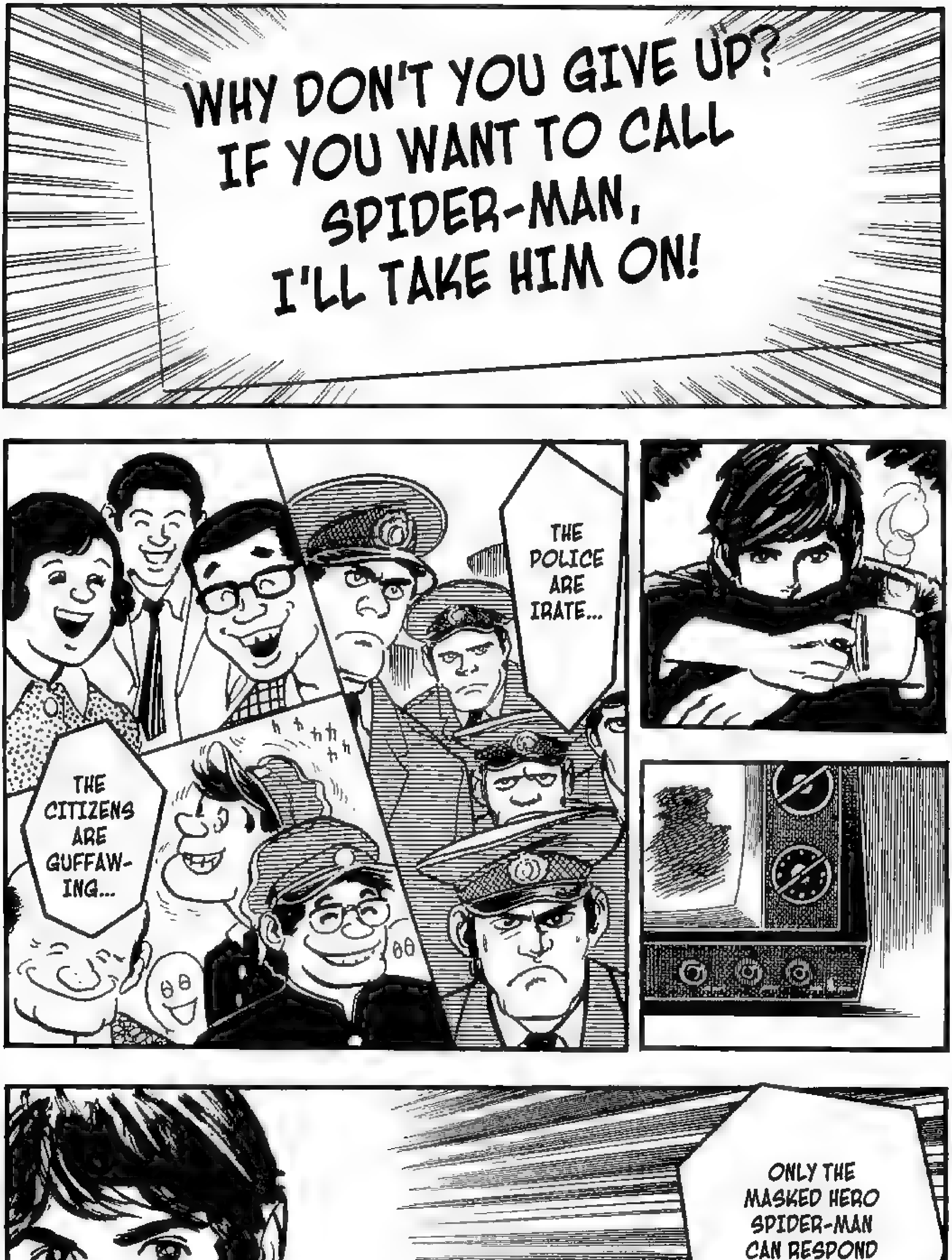

THE INVISIBLE THIEF BREAKS INTO A BUILDING AND LEAVES!!
HE CLIMBS UP A SKYSCRAPER WALL, ENTERS THROUGH A WINDOW, AND DAMAGES LOCKERS AND OTHER ITEMS!

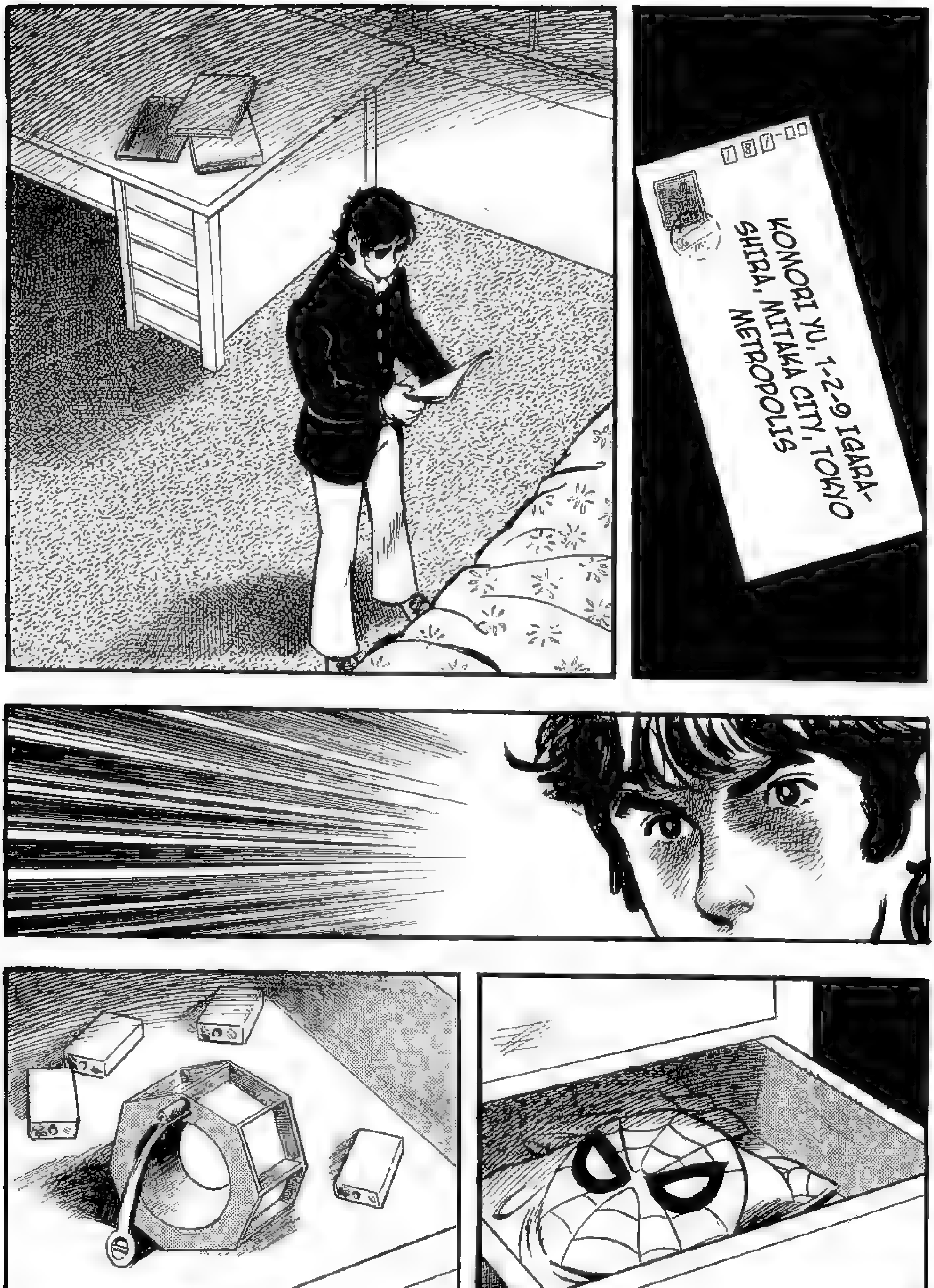

A FAMOUS SUPER-SKYSCRAPER HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY ATTACKED WITH INGENIOUS METHODS!
THE CRIME OCCURRED AT NIGHT, AND NO ONE WITNESSED THE CRIMINAL.
HE SET OFF THE ALARM SYSTEM, BUT BY THE TIME THE SECURITY GUARD GOT THERE, HE HAD VANISHED LIKE SMOKE!
THE LOSSES OF EACH INCIDENT WERE SMALL, BUT IN JUST ONE NIGHT, THE CRIMINAL HAS HOPPED FROM BUILDING TO BUILDING, COMMITTING CRIMES!


HE COMMITS EIGHT CRIMES IN ONE NIGHT! MILLIONS STOLEN...
A STUNT TWO HUNDRED METERS ABOVE THE GROUND! BUT ONLY TWO THOUSAND YEN WAS STOLEN...
THE PHANTOM THIEF CHALLENGES THE BIGGEST SKYSCRAPERS IN JAPAN!
THE PHANTOM THIEF IS UNMANAGEABLE... IS THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT AFRAID OF HEIGHTS!?
THE MIDNIGHT CRACKDOWN... THE STING FAILS!
IS THE CRIMINAL A MASTER OF BREAK-INS!?


COULD THE CRIMINAL BE...?
BUT... MITSUO WOULDN'T DO SOMETHING THIS FOOLISH...
MY SPIDER-POWERS AREN'T MEANT FOR CHEAP CRIMES!
BUT... I STILL FEEL AN OMINOUS PREMONITION...
AHH... I WOULD NEVER BELIEVE THAT MITSUO WOULD DO SOMETHING THIS STUPID!
THE DAREDEVIL CRIMINAL CHALLENGES THE POLICE! HE LEAVES BEHIND MESSAGES ON THE WALL OF REAL ESTATE OFFICES!


I'M A PRODIGY! NO MATTER HOW HARD THE POLICE TRY, THEY CAN'T CAPTURE ME!
THE POLICE ARE ALL BLOCKHEADS! I'M EVEN GETTING TIRED OF MOCKING THEM!
TO THE POLICE: YOU'RE ALL IDIOTS! WHY DON'T YOU JUST GIVE UP TRYING TO ARREST ME?


WHY DON'T YOU GIVE UP? IF YOU WANT TO CALL SPIDER-MAN, I'LL TAKE HIM ON!
THE POLICE ARE IRATE...
THE CITIZENS ARE GUFFAWING...
ONLY THE MASKED HERO SPIDER-MAN CAN RESPOND TO THIS CHALLENGE!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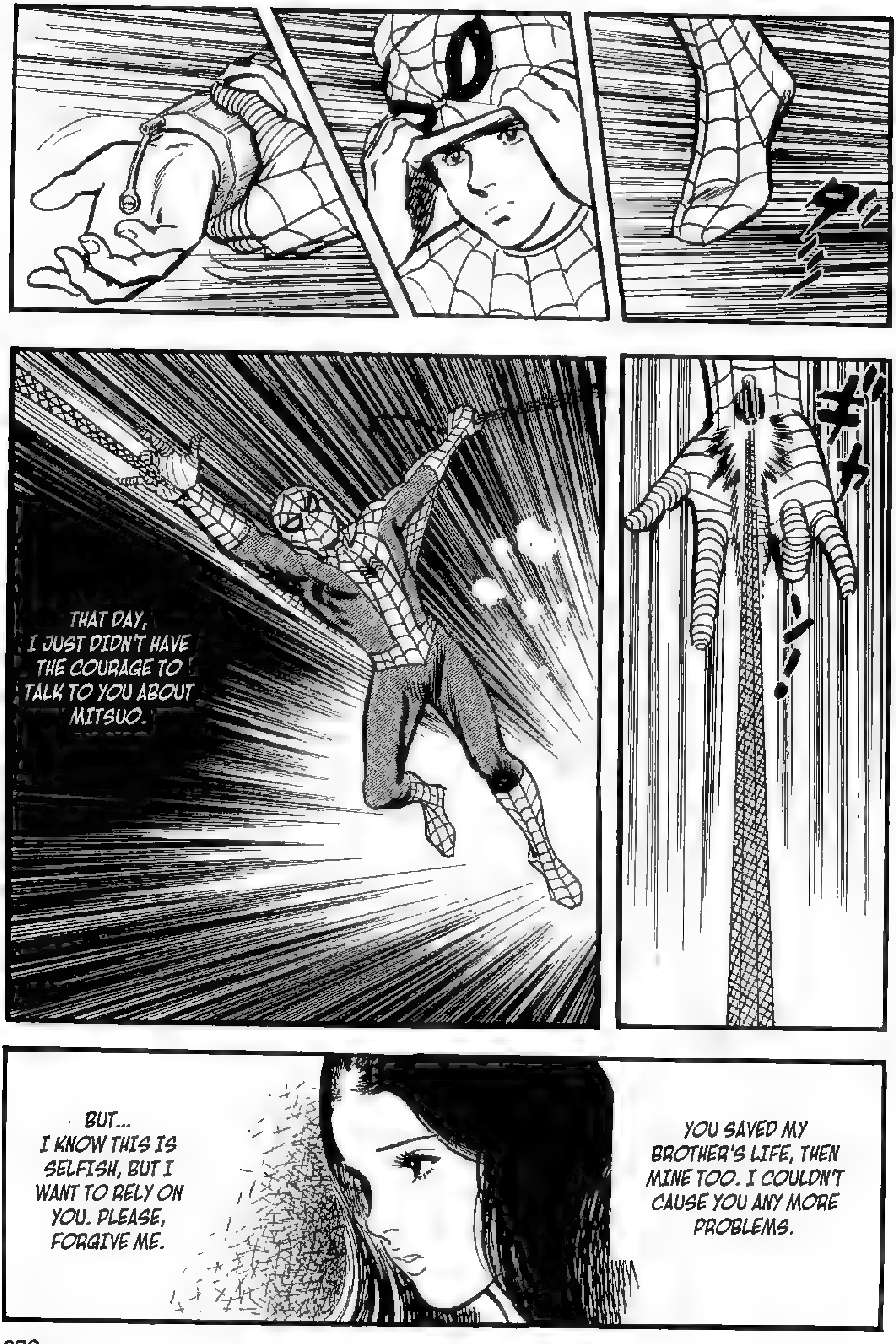
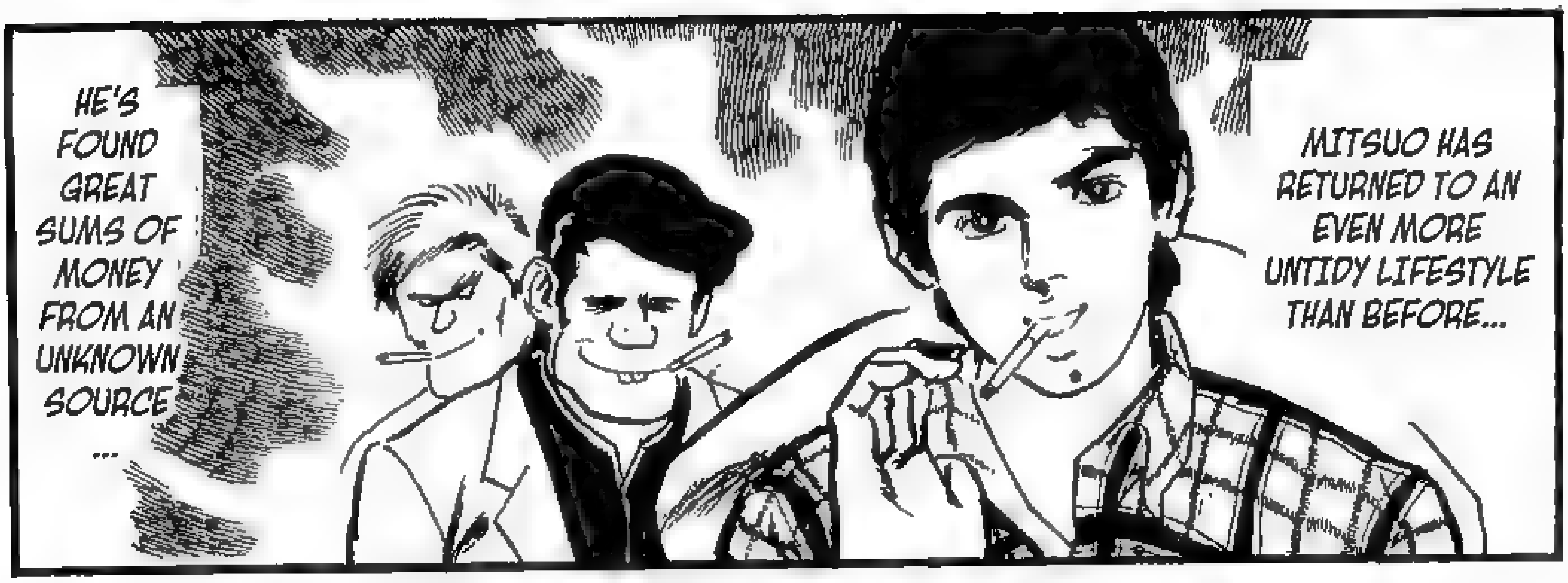
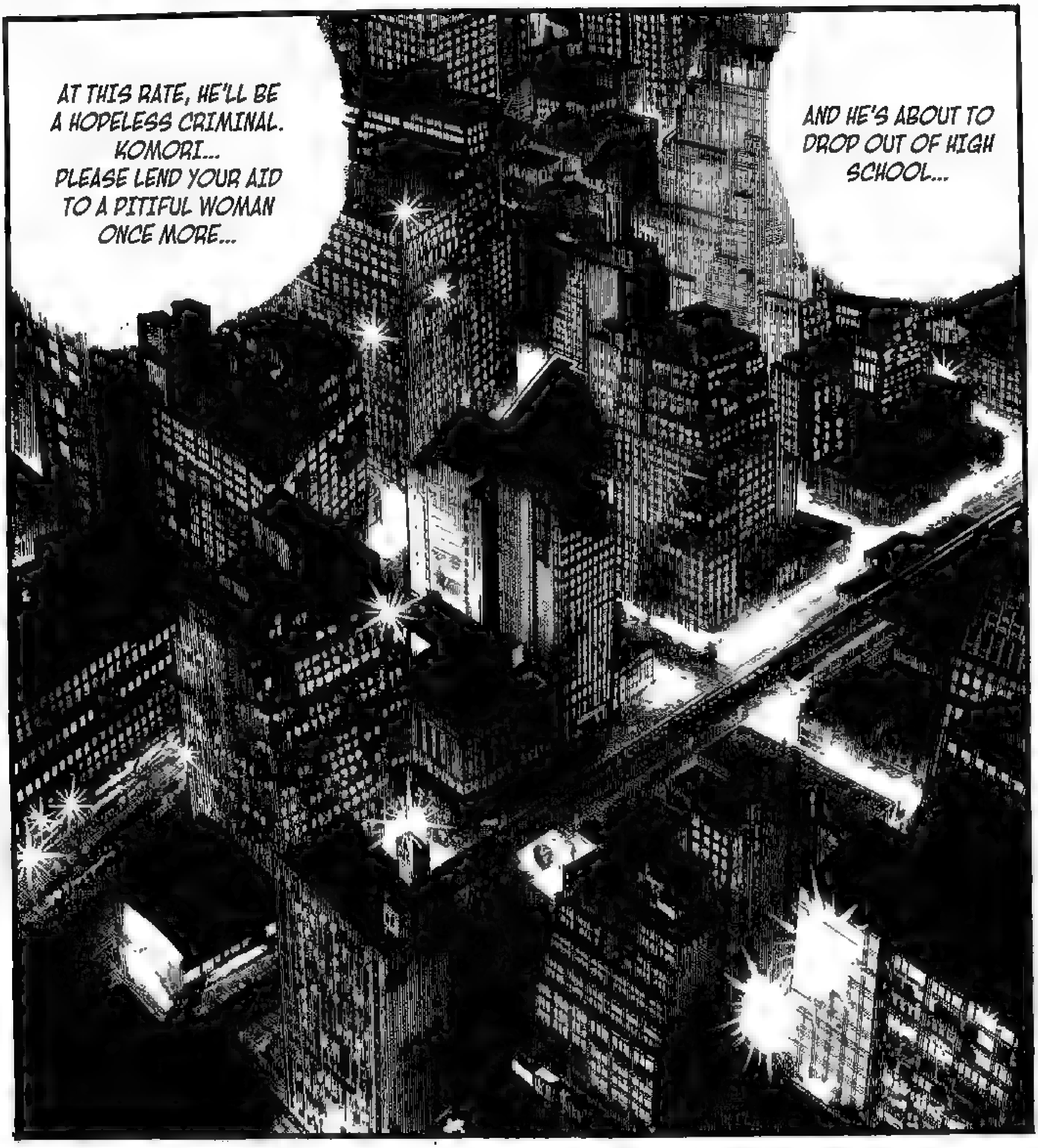
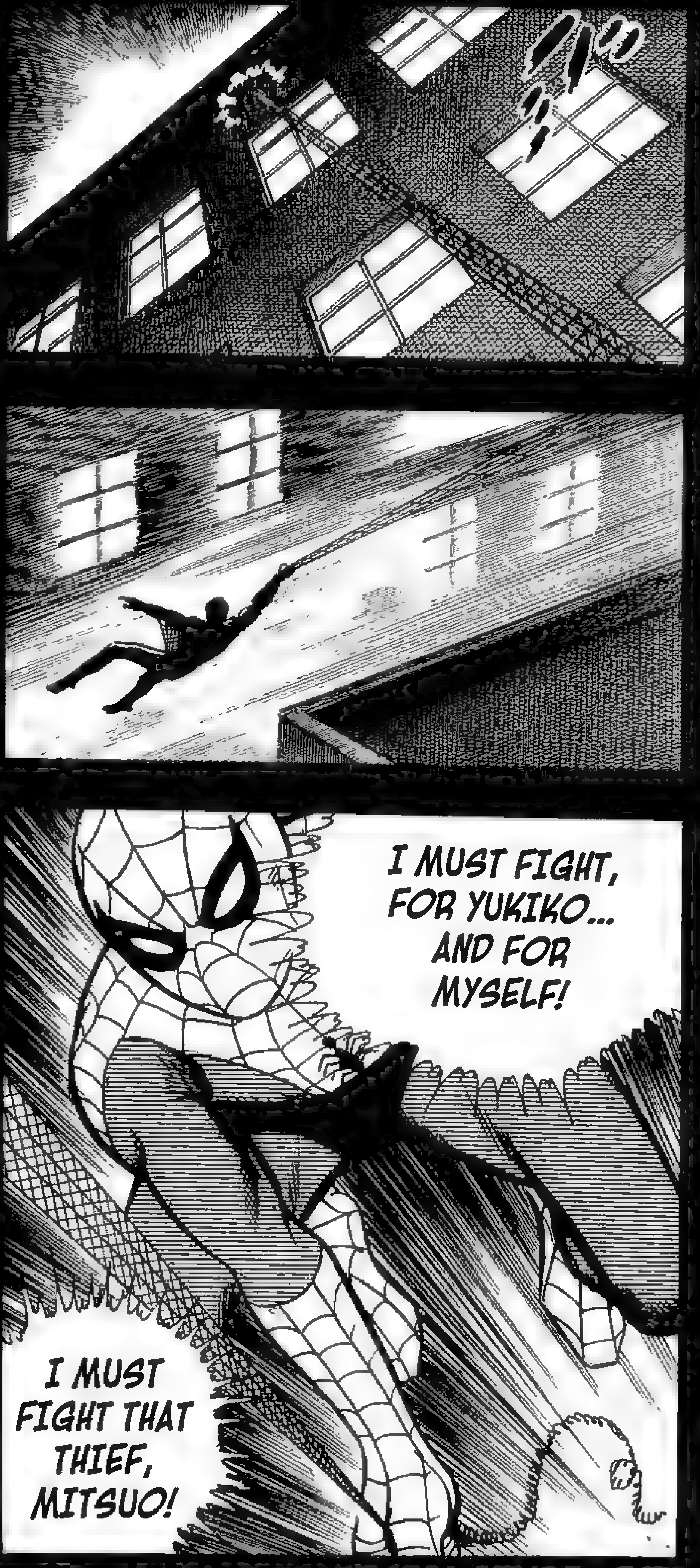
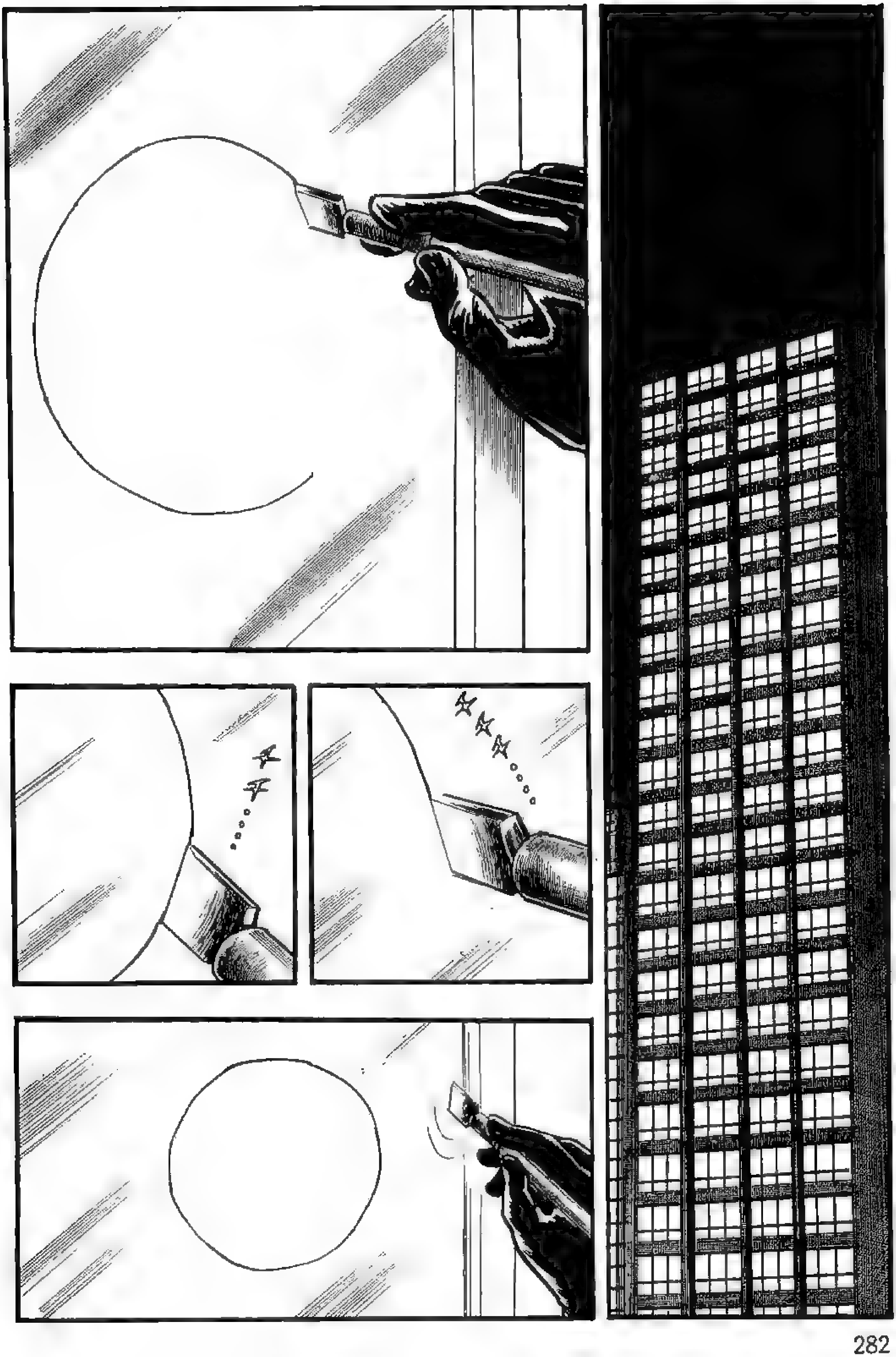
KOMORI YU, 1-2-9 IGARA-SHIRA, MITAKA CITY, TOKYO METROPOLIS


THAT DAY, I JUST DIDN'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT MITSUO.
YOU SAVED MY BROTHER'S LIFE, THEN MINE TOO. I COULDN'T CAUSE YOU ANY MORE PROBLEMS.
BUT... I KNOW THIS IS SELFISH, BUT I WANT TO RELY ON YOU. PLEASE, FORGIVE ME.


MITSUO HAS RETURNED TO AN EVEN MORE UNTIDY LIFESTYLE THAN BEFORE...
HE'S FOUND GREAT SUMS OF MONEY FROM AN UNKNOWN SOURCE ...


AND HE'S ABOUT TO DROP OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL...
AT THIS RATE, HE'LL BE A HOPELESS CRIMINAL. KOMORI... PLEASE LEND YOUR AID TO A PITIFUL WOMAN ONCE MORE...


I MUST FIGHT, FOR YUKIKO... AND FOR MYSELF!
I MUST FIGHT THAT THIEF, MITSUO!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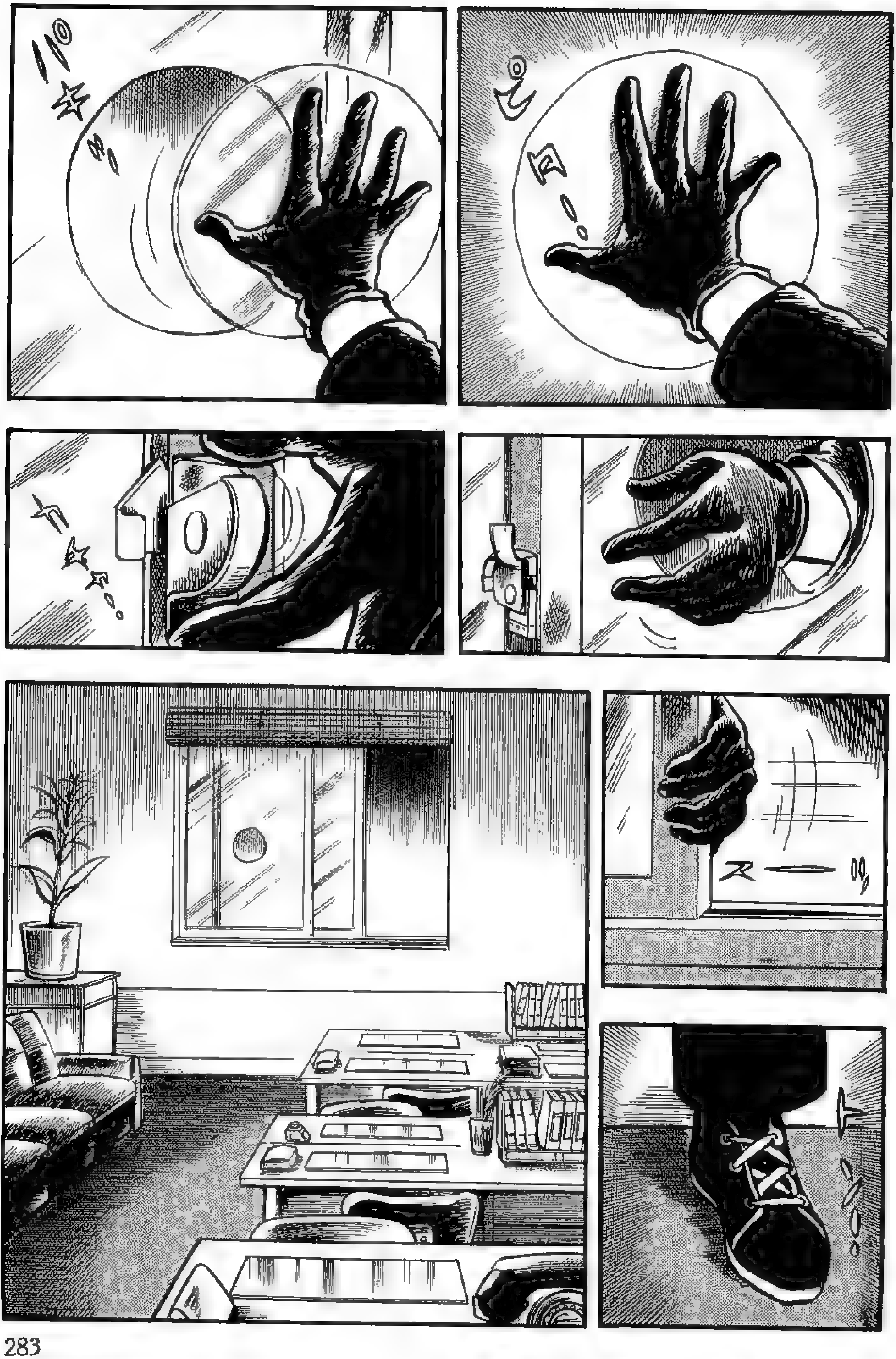
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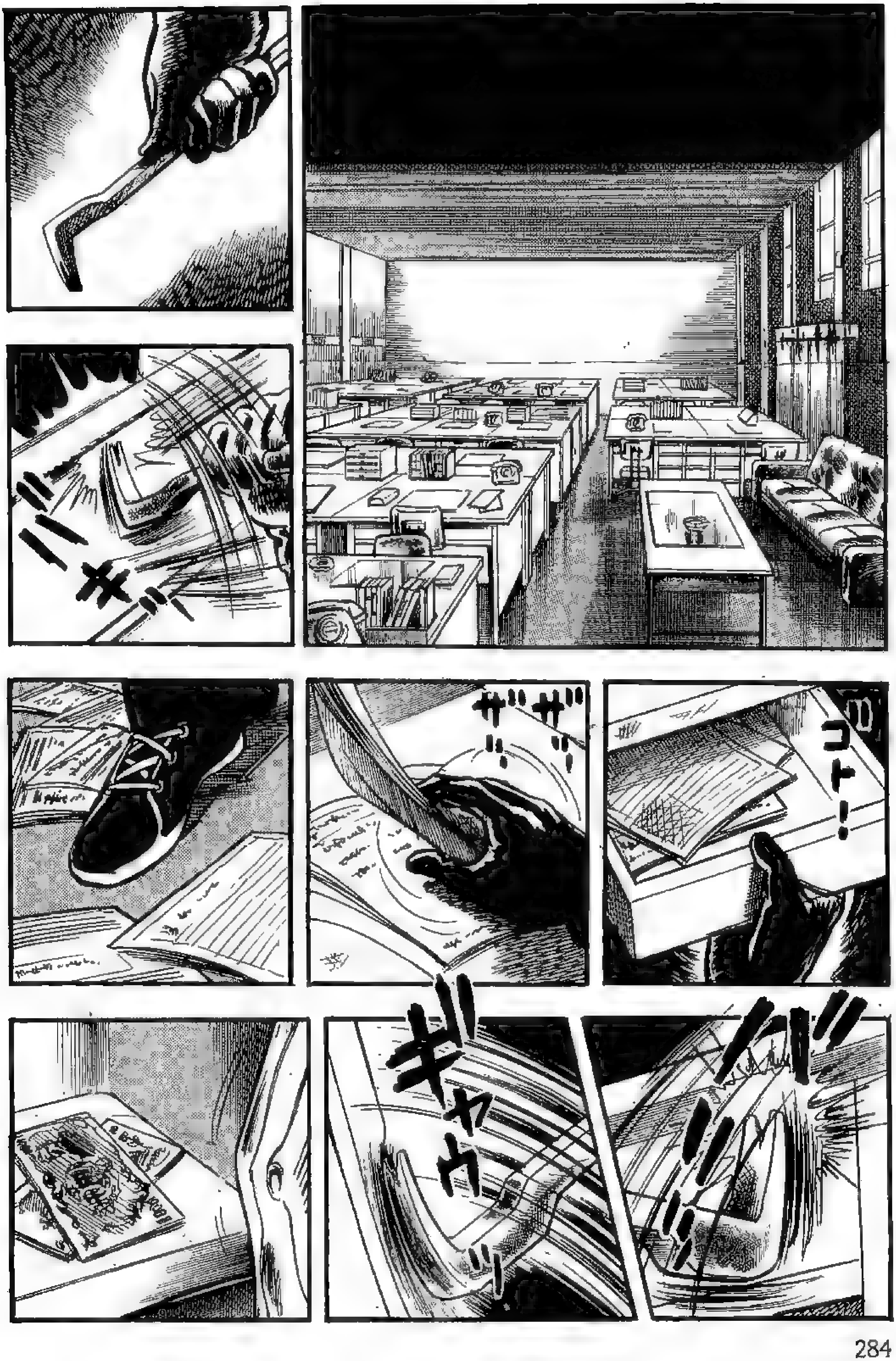
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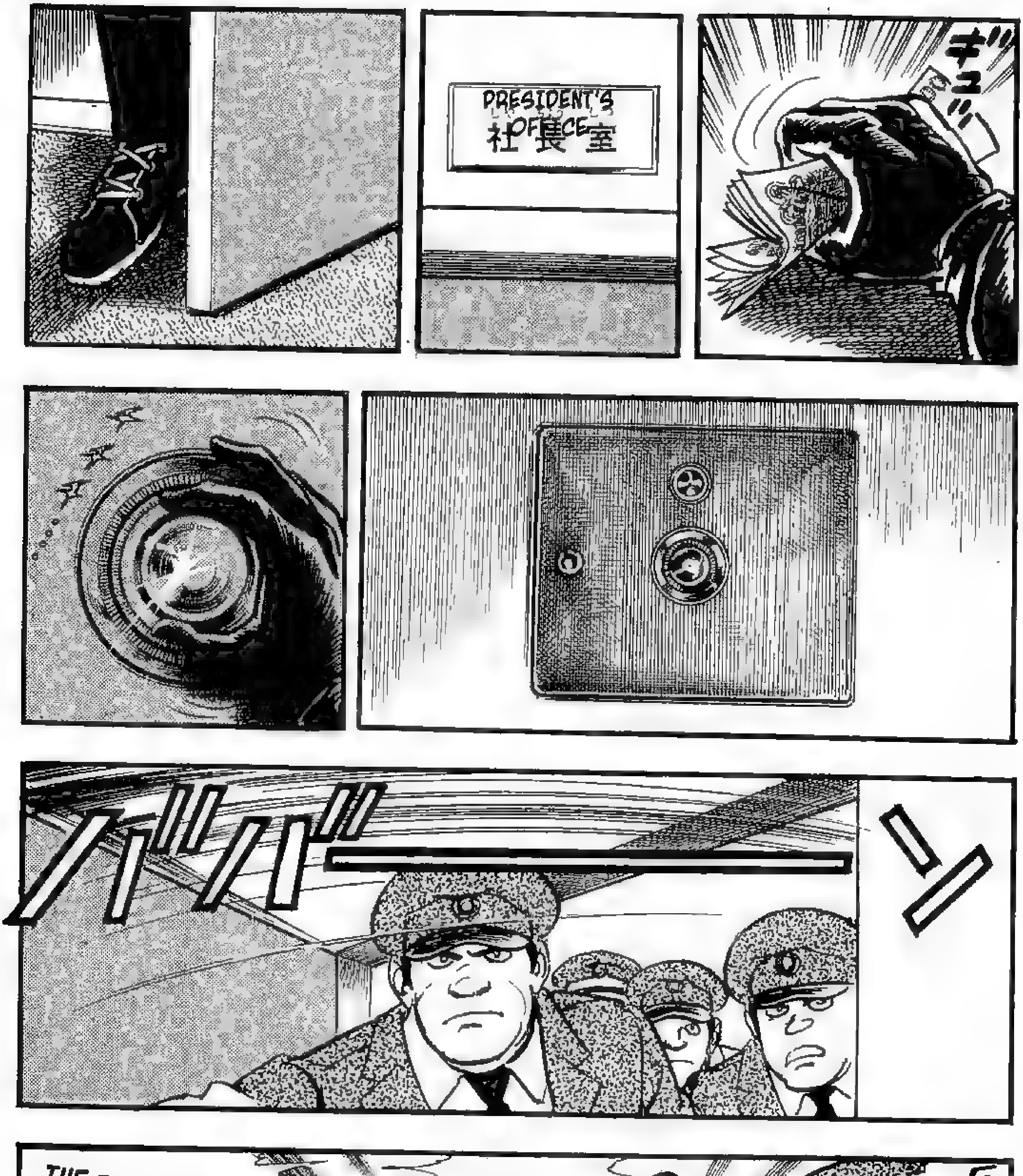
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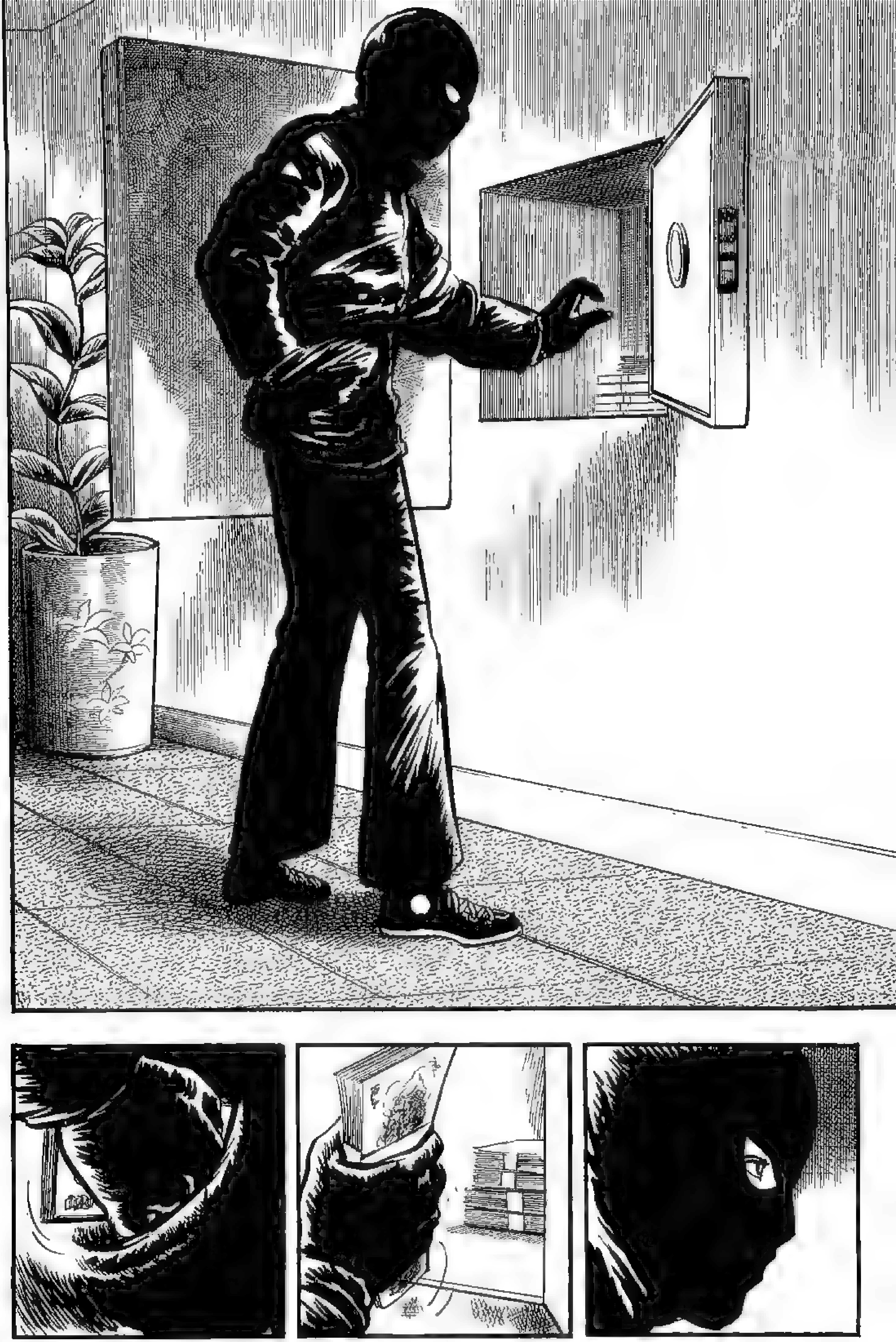
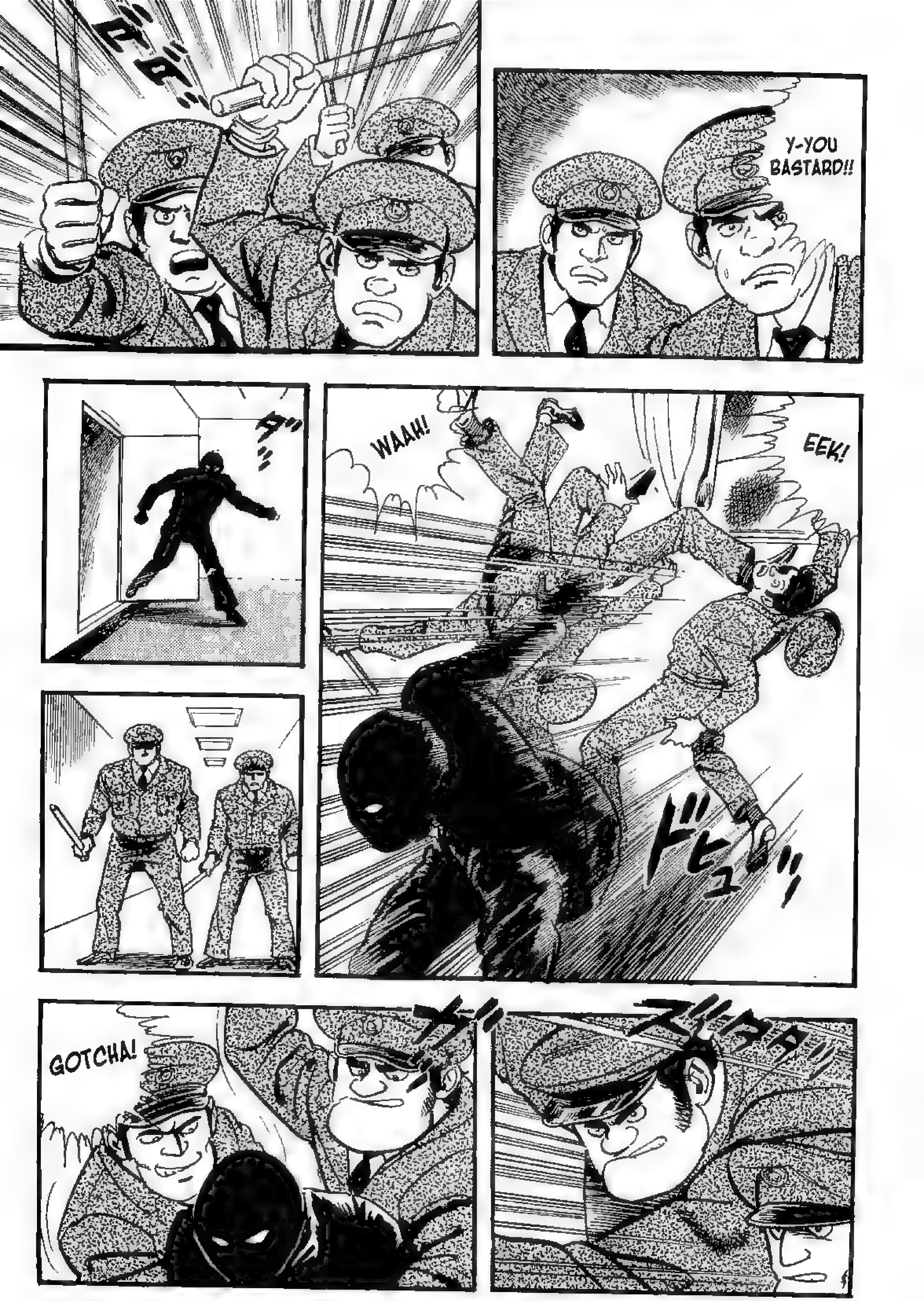
FREEZE!
YOU WON'T GET AWAY THIS TIME!
THE POLICE HAVE THIS BUILDING SURROUNDED! GIVE IT UP!

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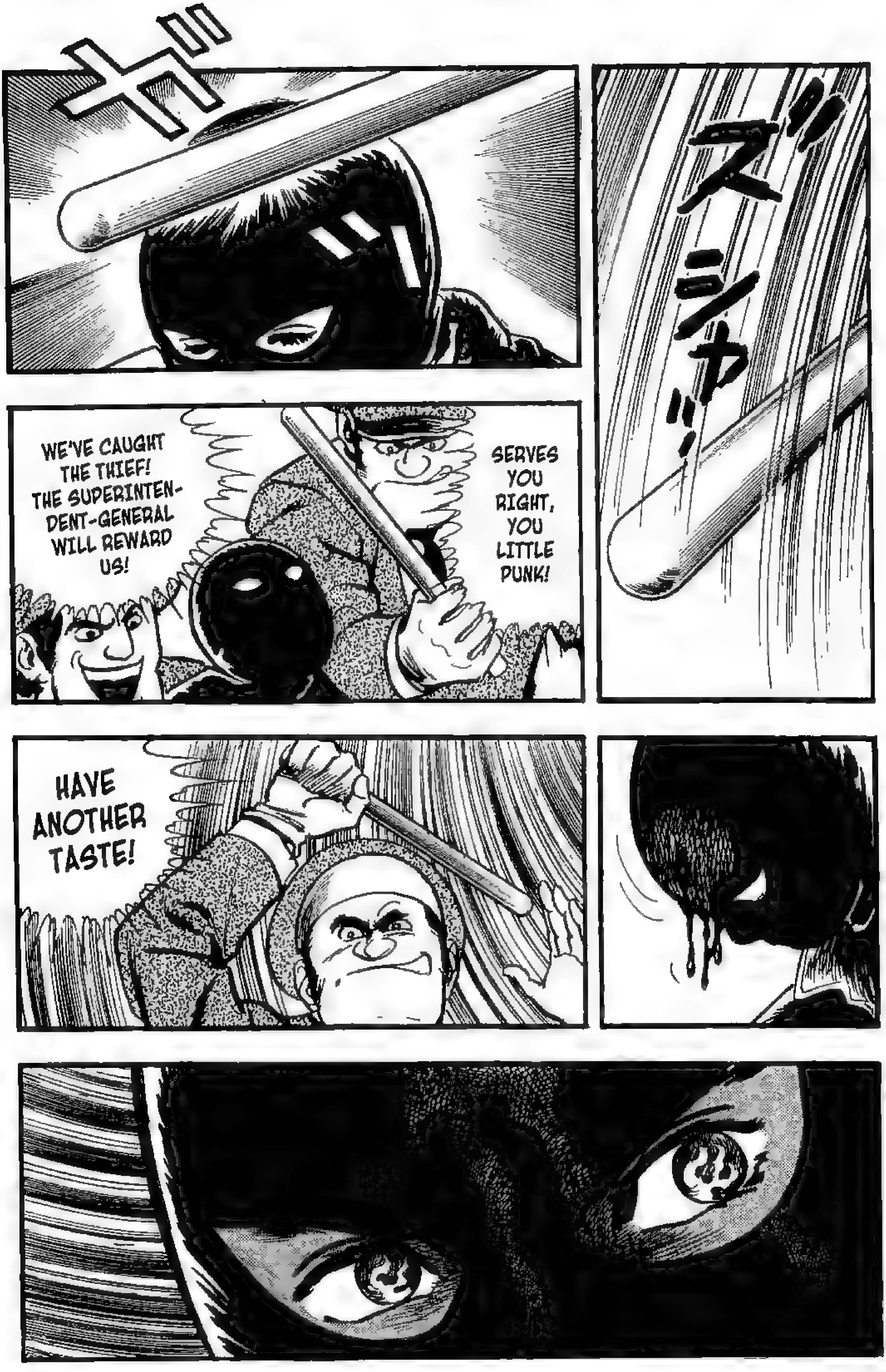
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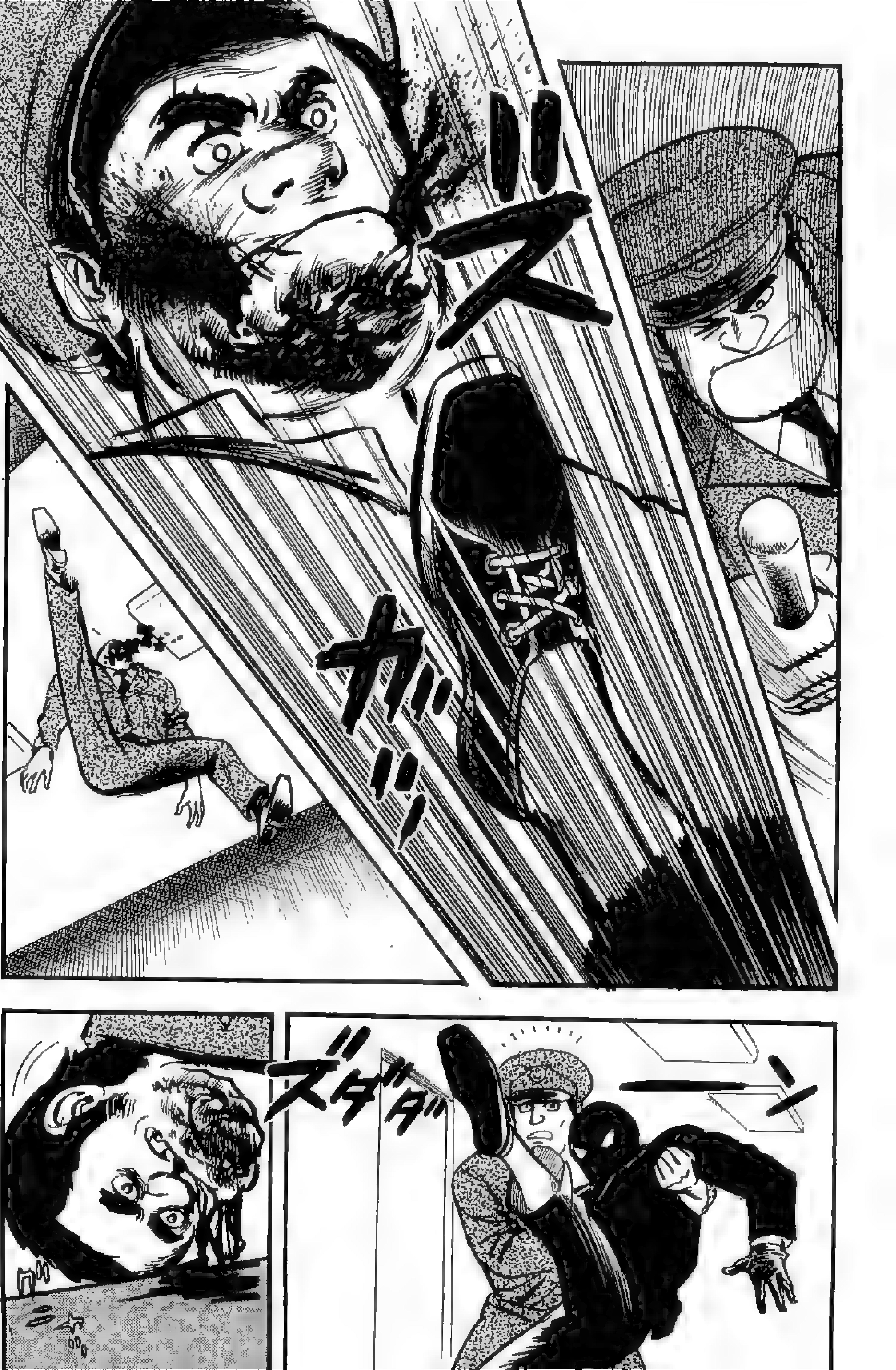
WE'VE CAUGHT THE THIEF! THE SUPERINTENDENT-GENERAL WILL REWARD US!
SERVES YOU RIGHT, YOU LITTLE PUNK!
HAVE ANOTHER TASTE!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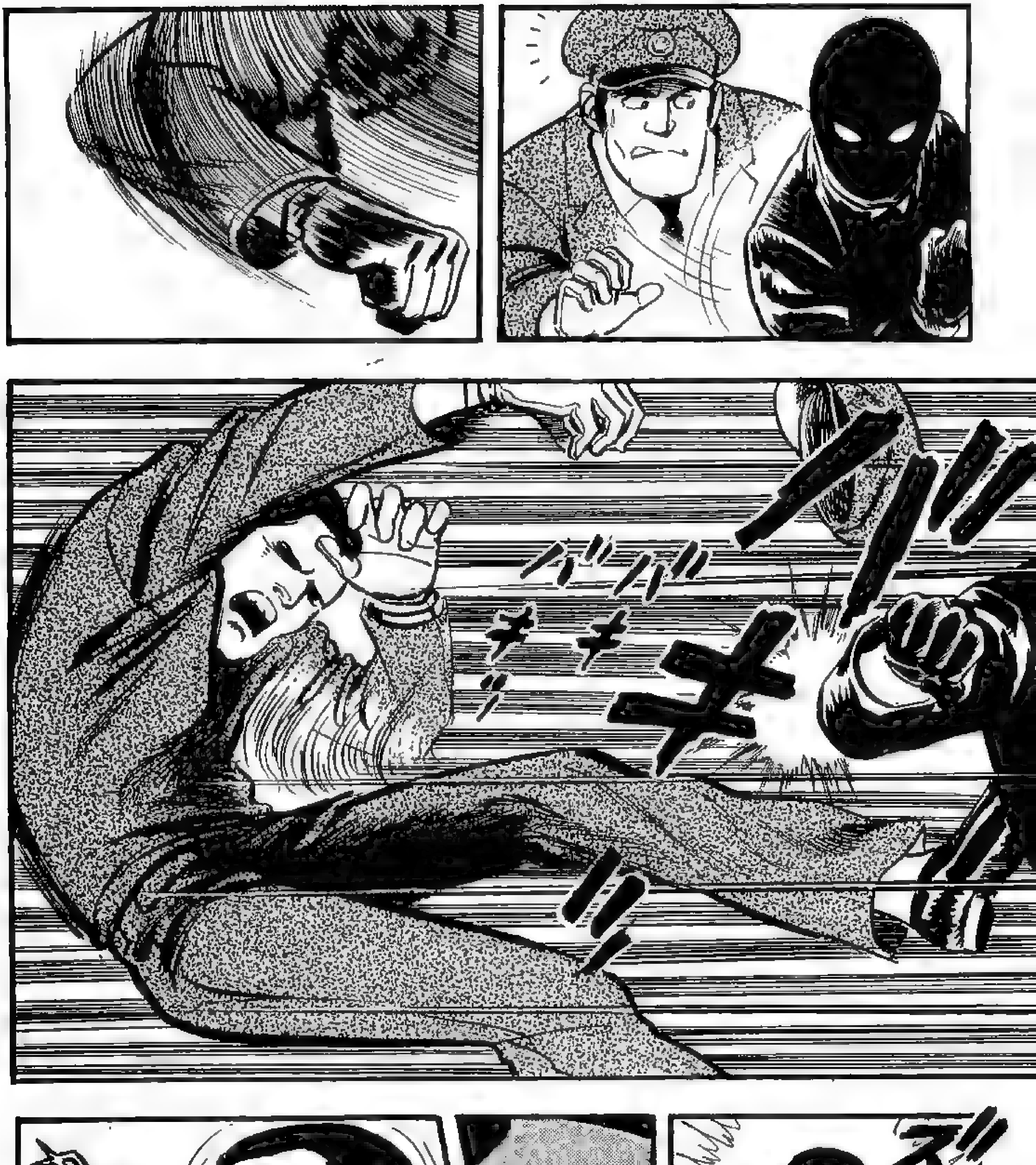
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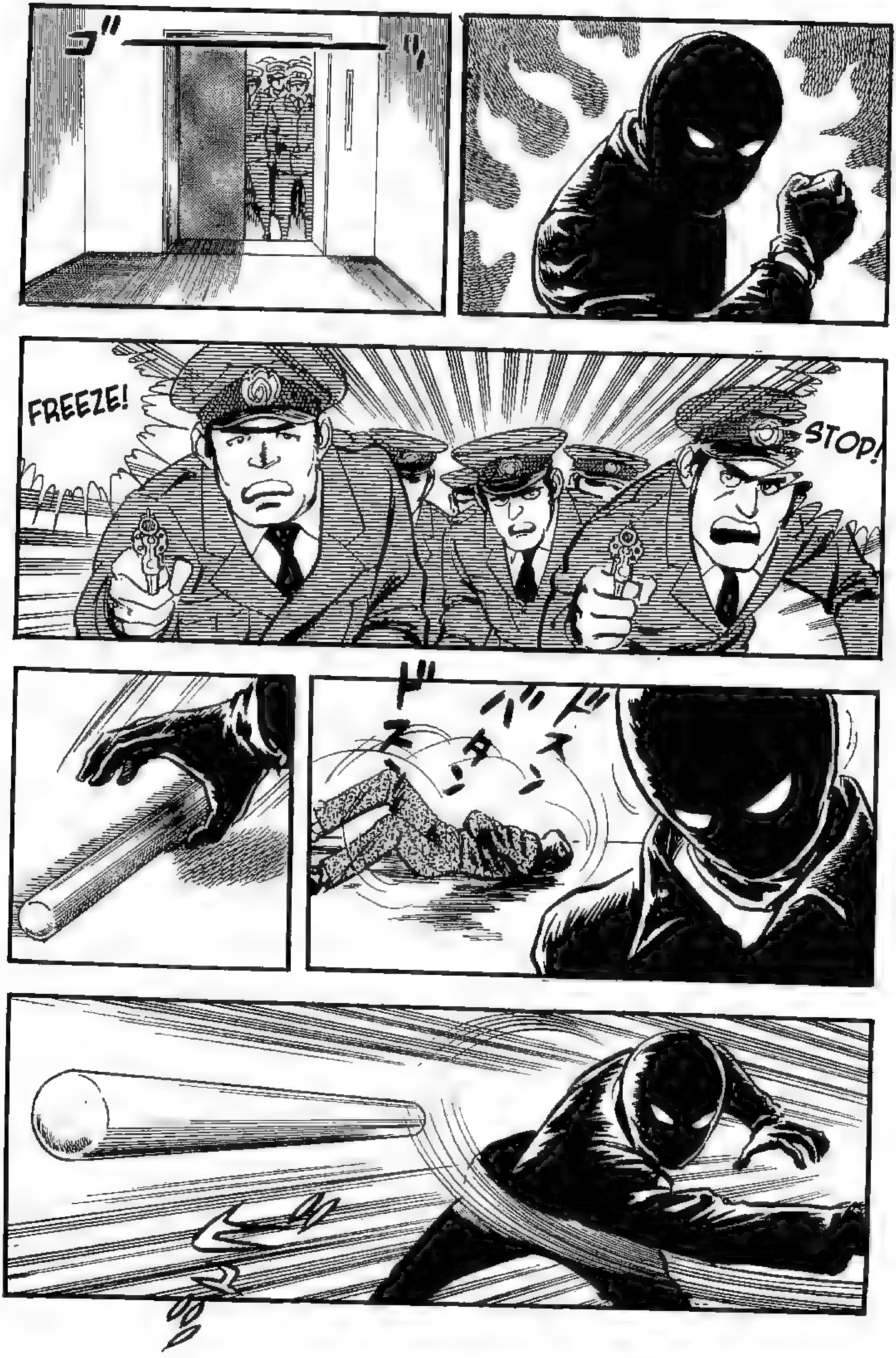
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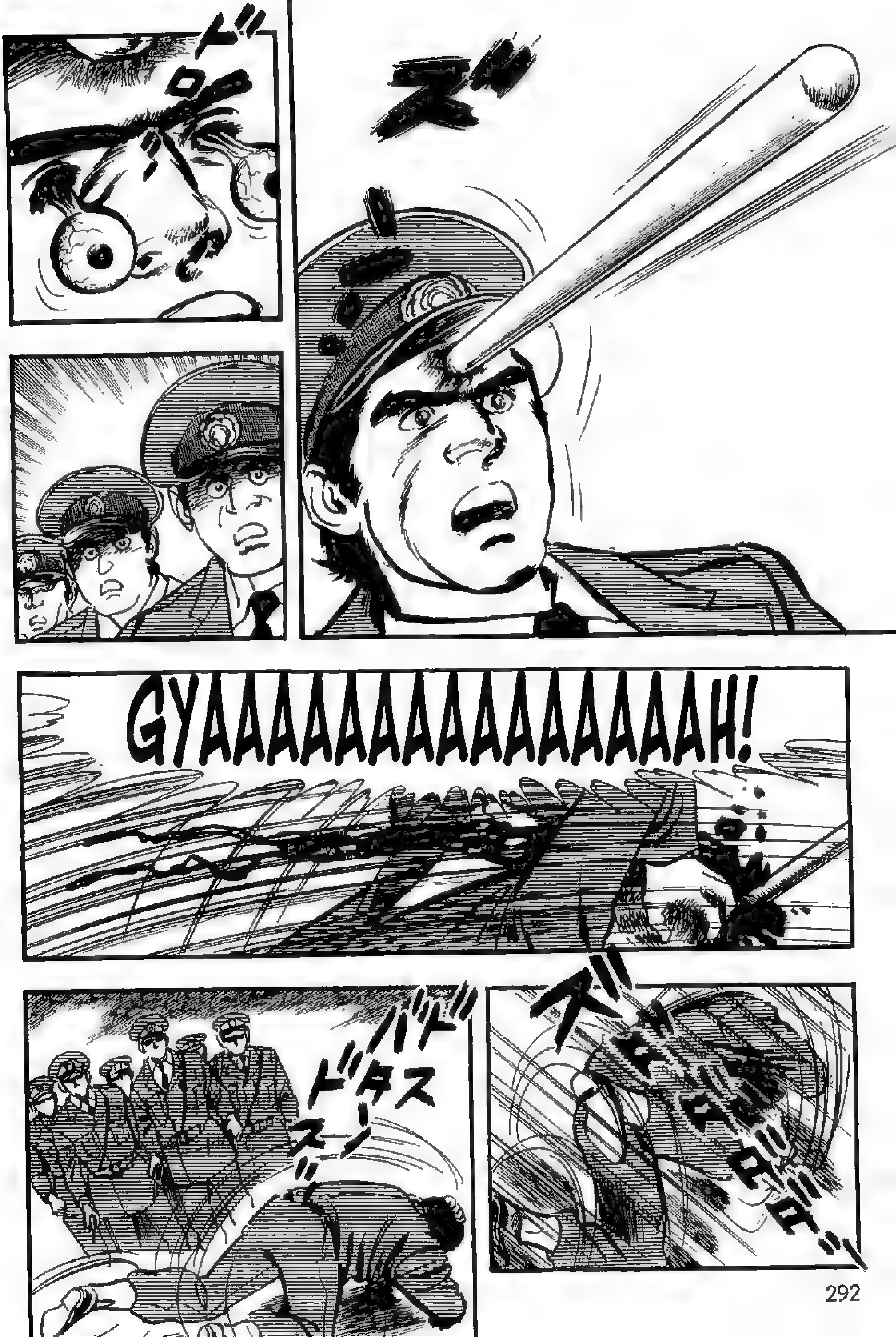
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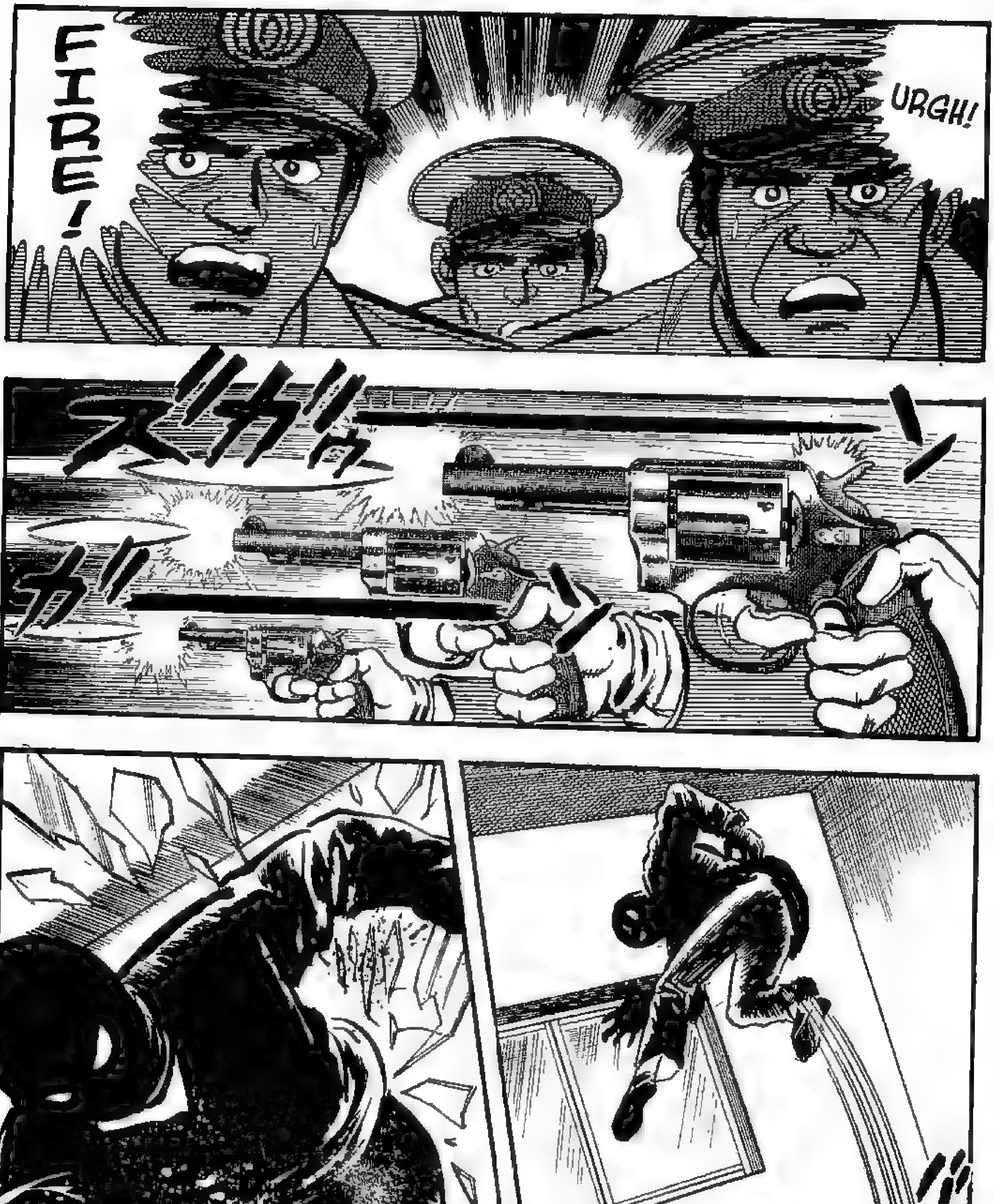
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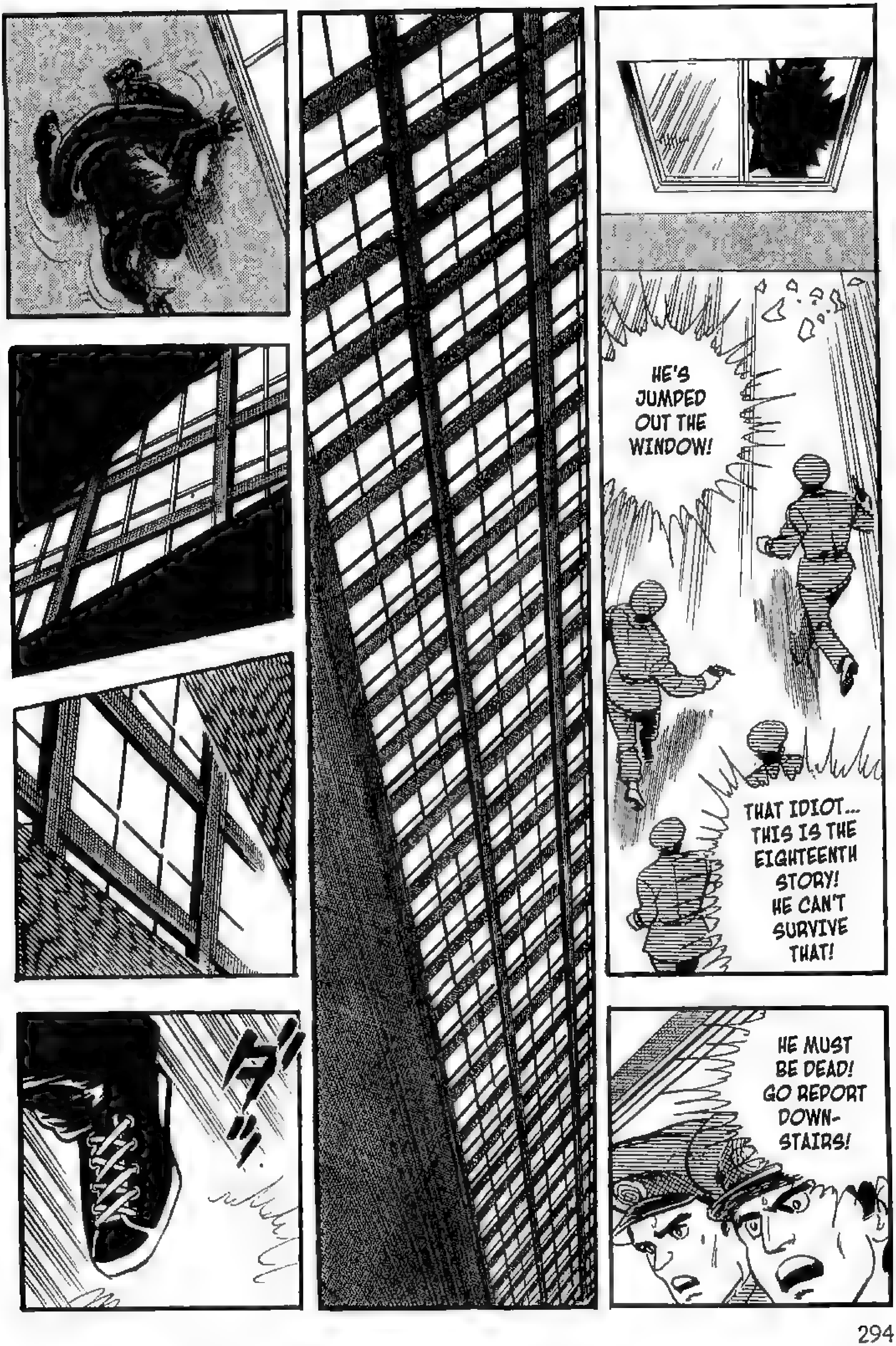
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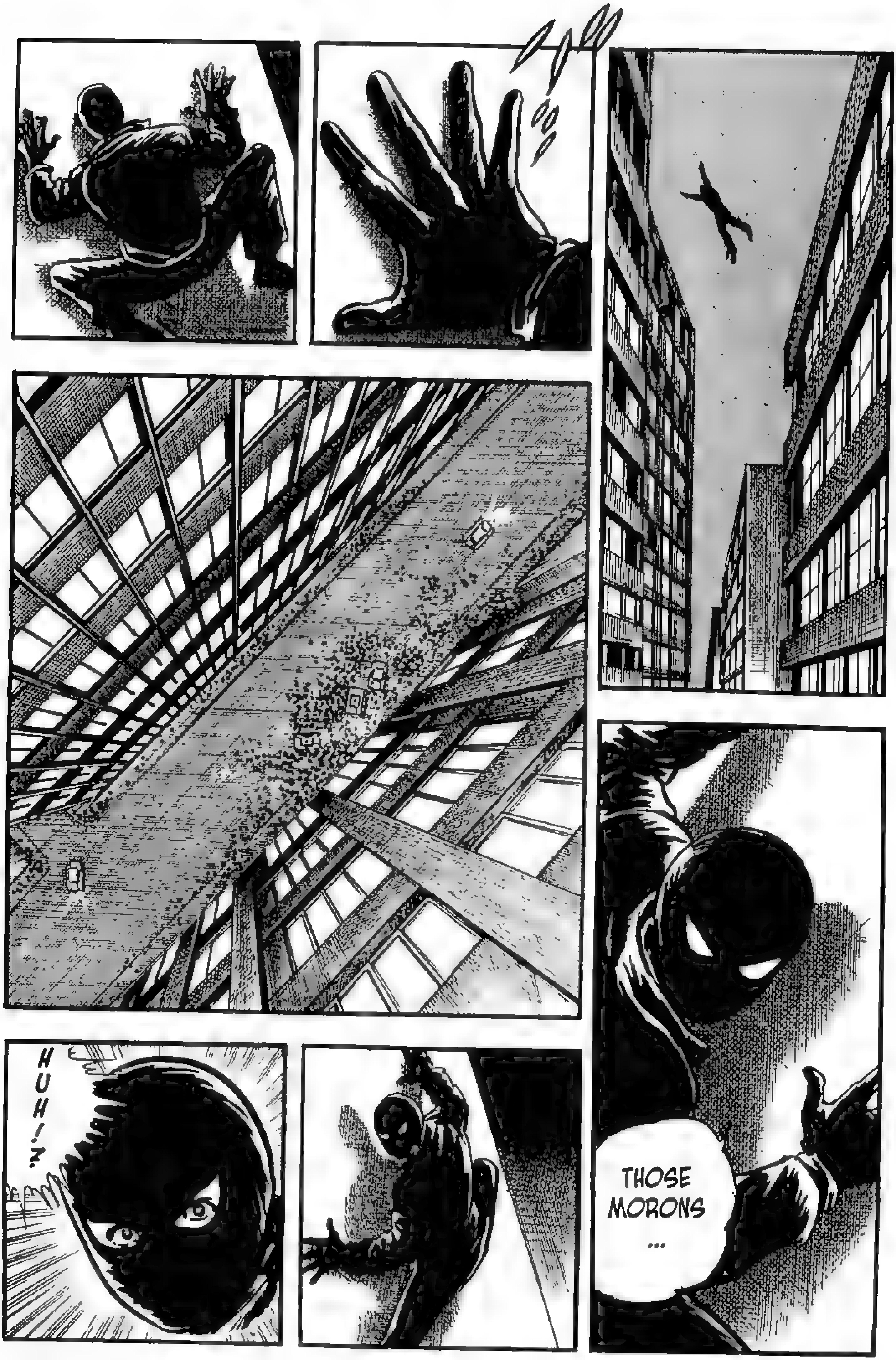
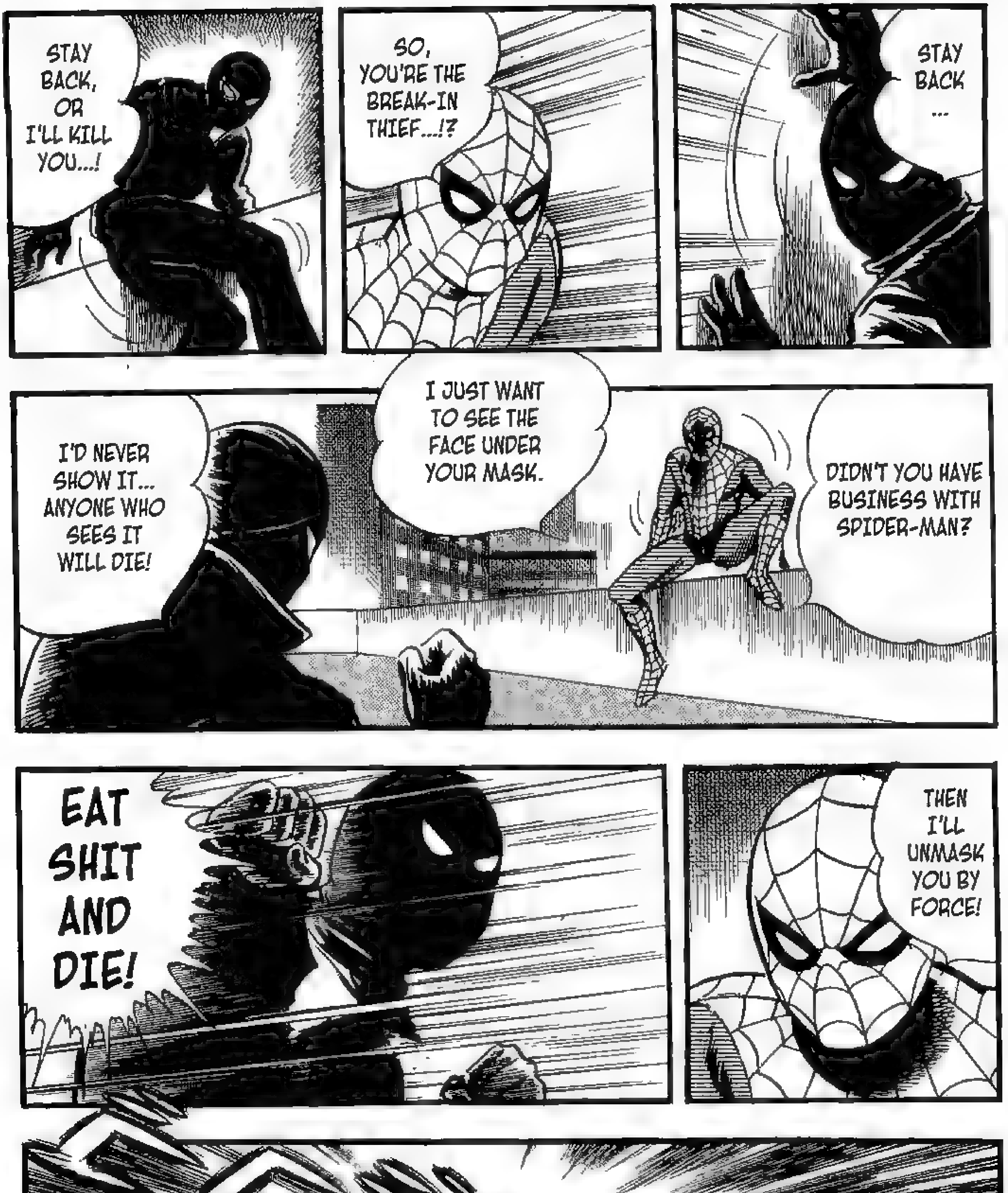
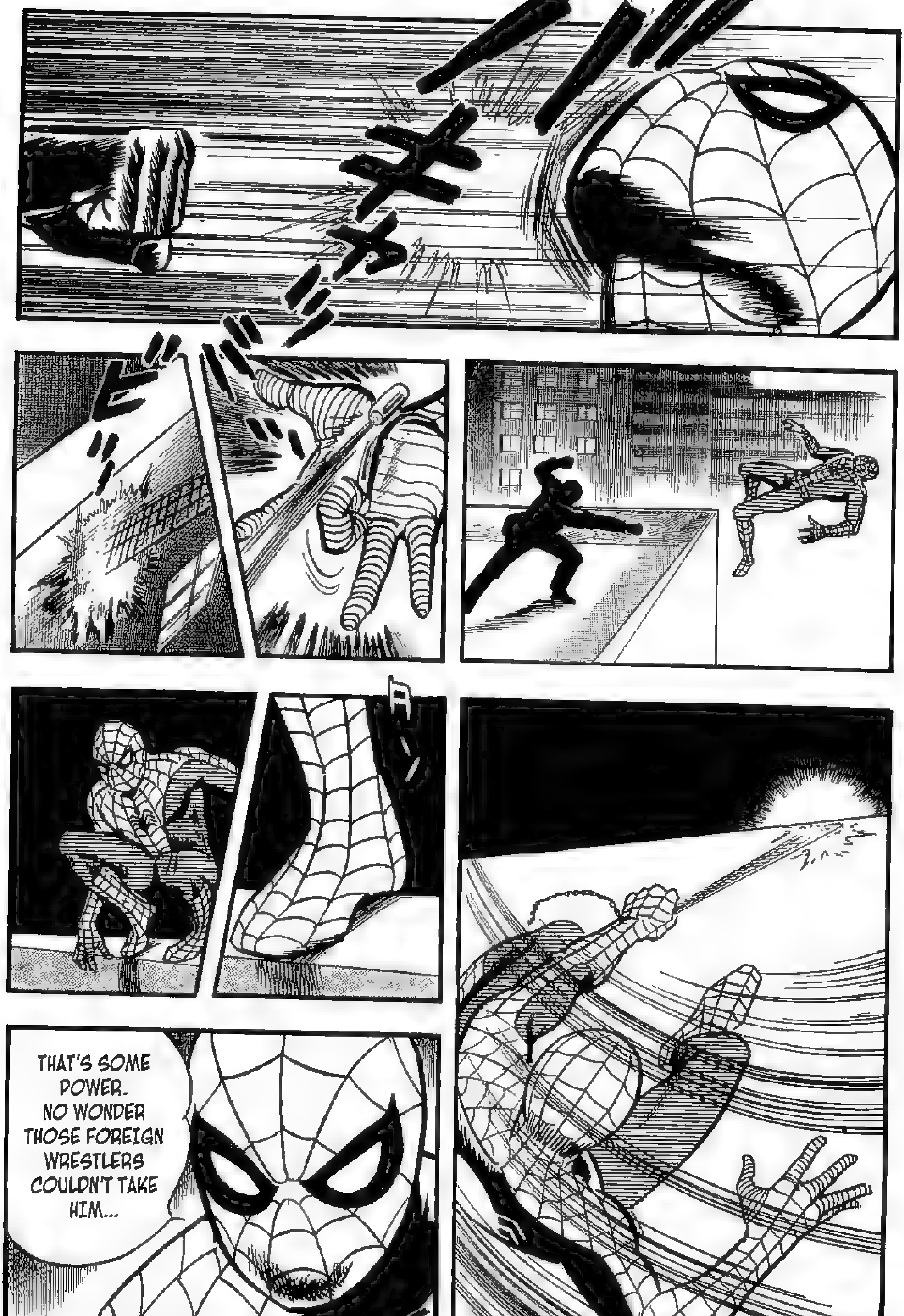
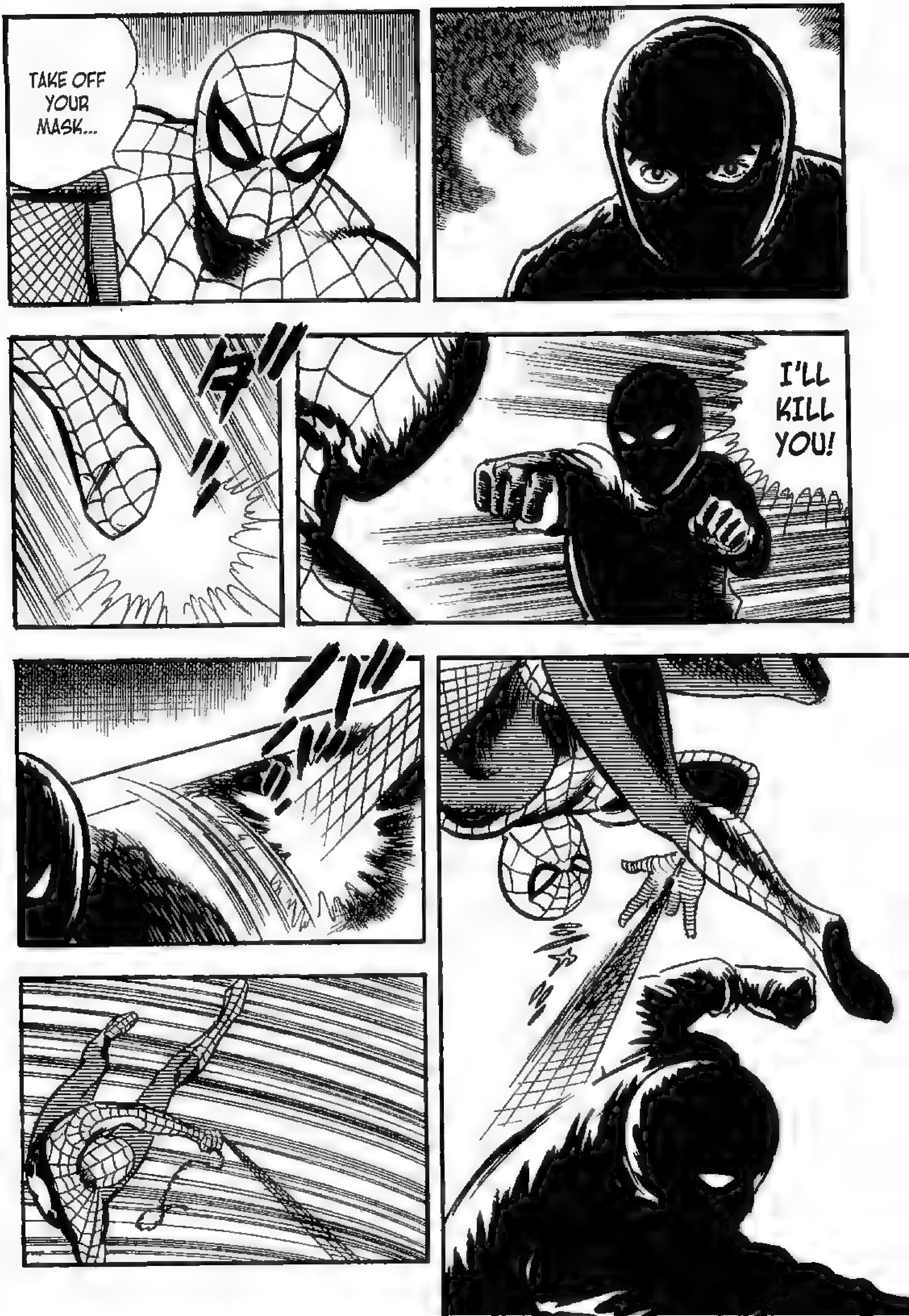
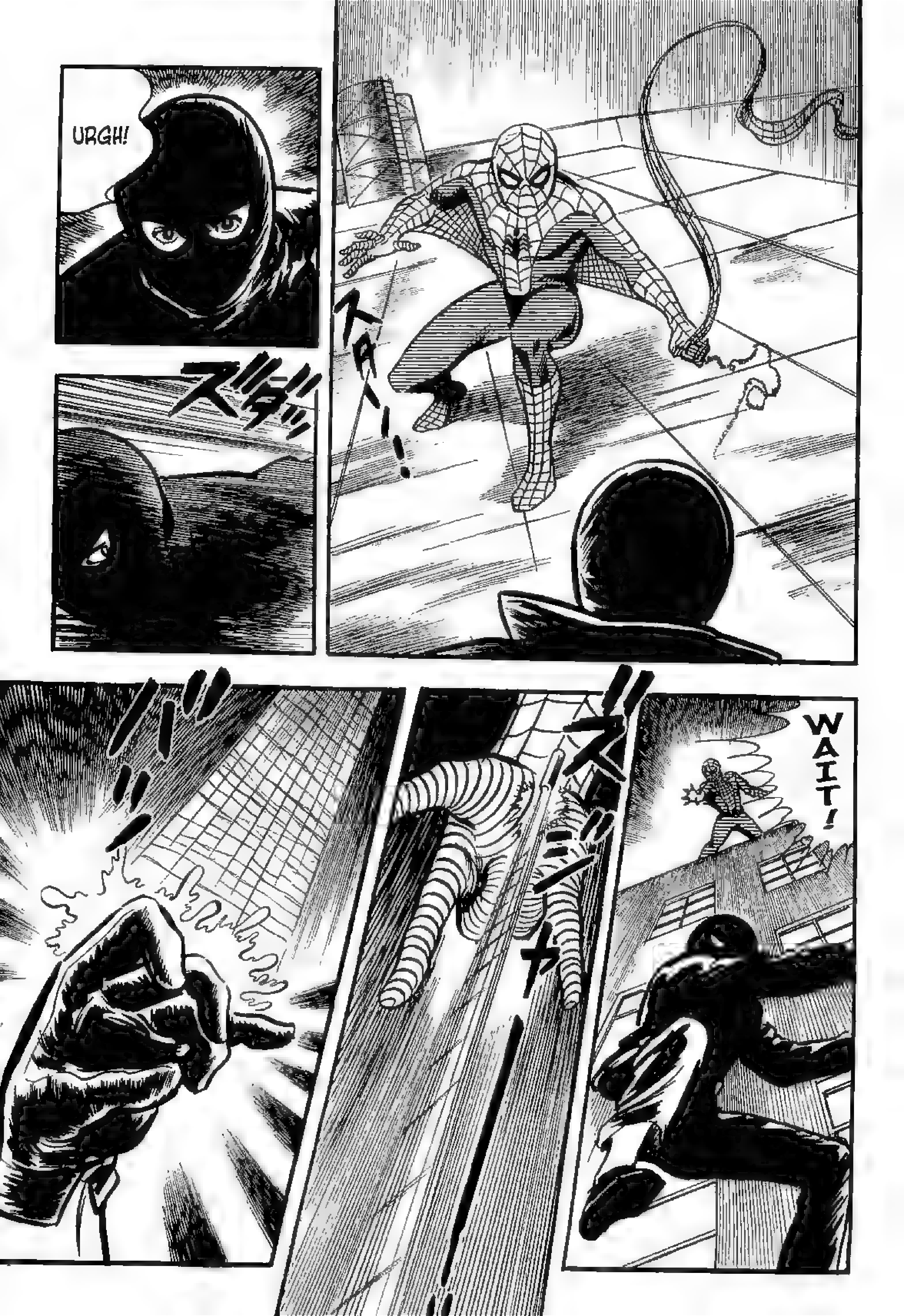
HE'S JUMPED OUT THE WINDOW!
THAT IDIOT... THIS IS THE EIGHTEENTH STORY! HE CAN'T SURVIVE THAT!
HE MUST BE DEAD! GO REPORT DOWNSTAIRS!


THOSE MORONS ...
HUH!?


STAY BACK ...
SO, YOU'RE THE BREAK-IN THIEF...!?
STAY BACK, OR I'LL KILL YOU...!
DIDN'T YOU HAVE BUSINESS WITH SPIDER-MAN?
I JUST WANT TO SEE THE FACE UNDER YOUR MASK.
I'D NEVER SHOW IT... ANYONE WHO SEES IT WILL DIE!
THEN I'LL UNMASK YOU BY FORCE!
EAT SHIT AND DIE!


THAT'S SOME POWER. NO WONDER THOSE FOREIGN WRESTLERS COULDN'T TAKE HIM...


TAKE OFF YOUR MASK...
I'LL KILL YOU!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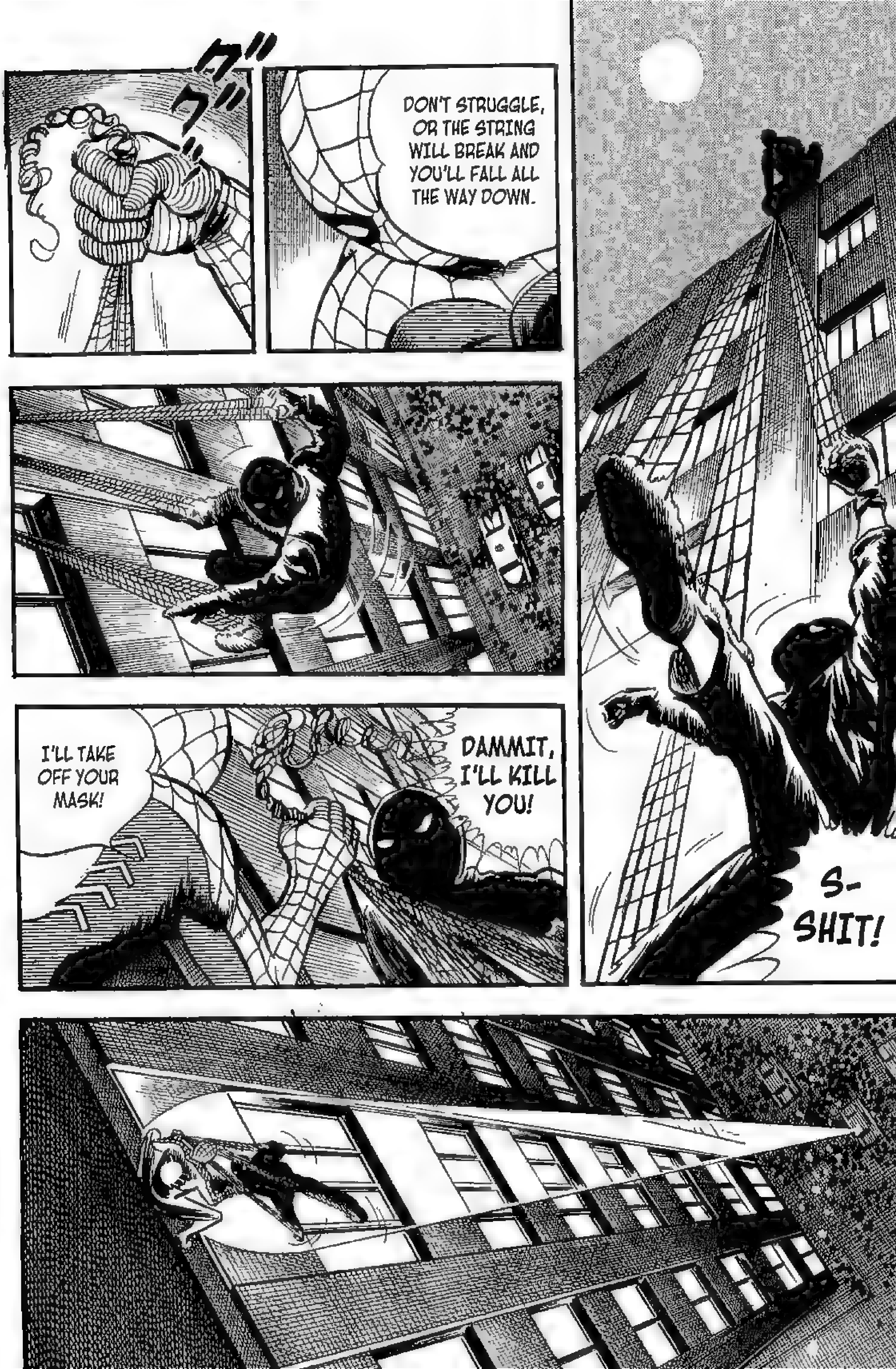
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SHIT!
DON'T STRUGGLE, OR THE STRING WILL BREAK AND YOU'LL FALL ALL THE WAY DOWN.
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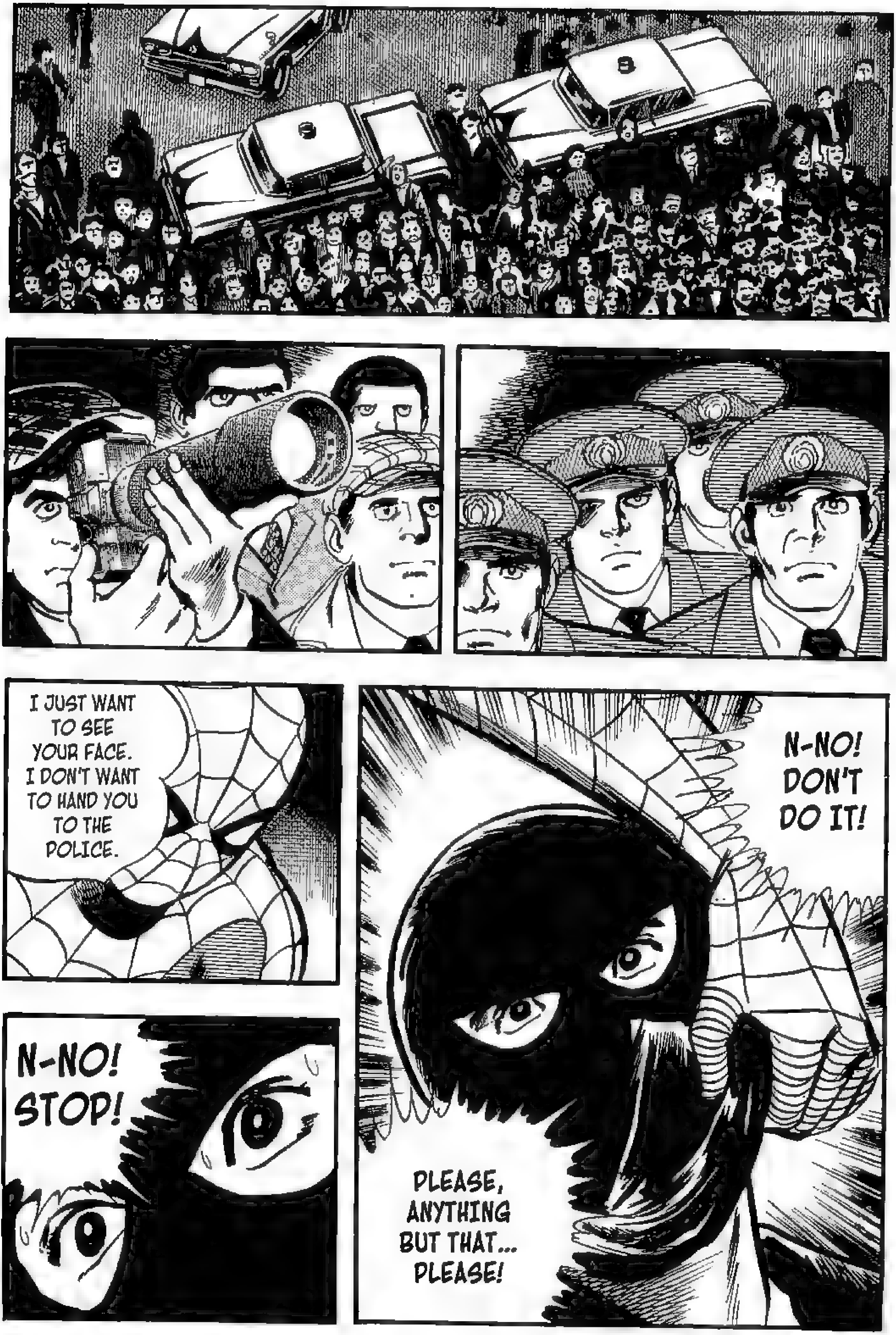
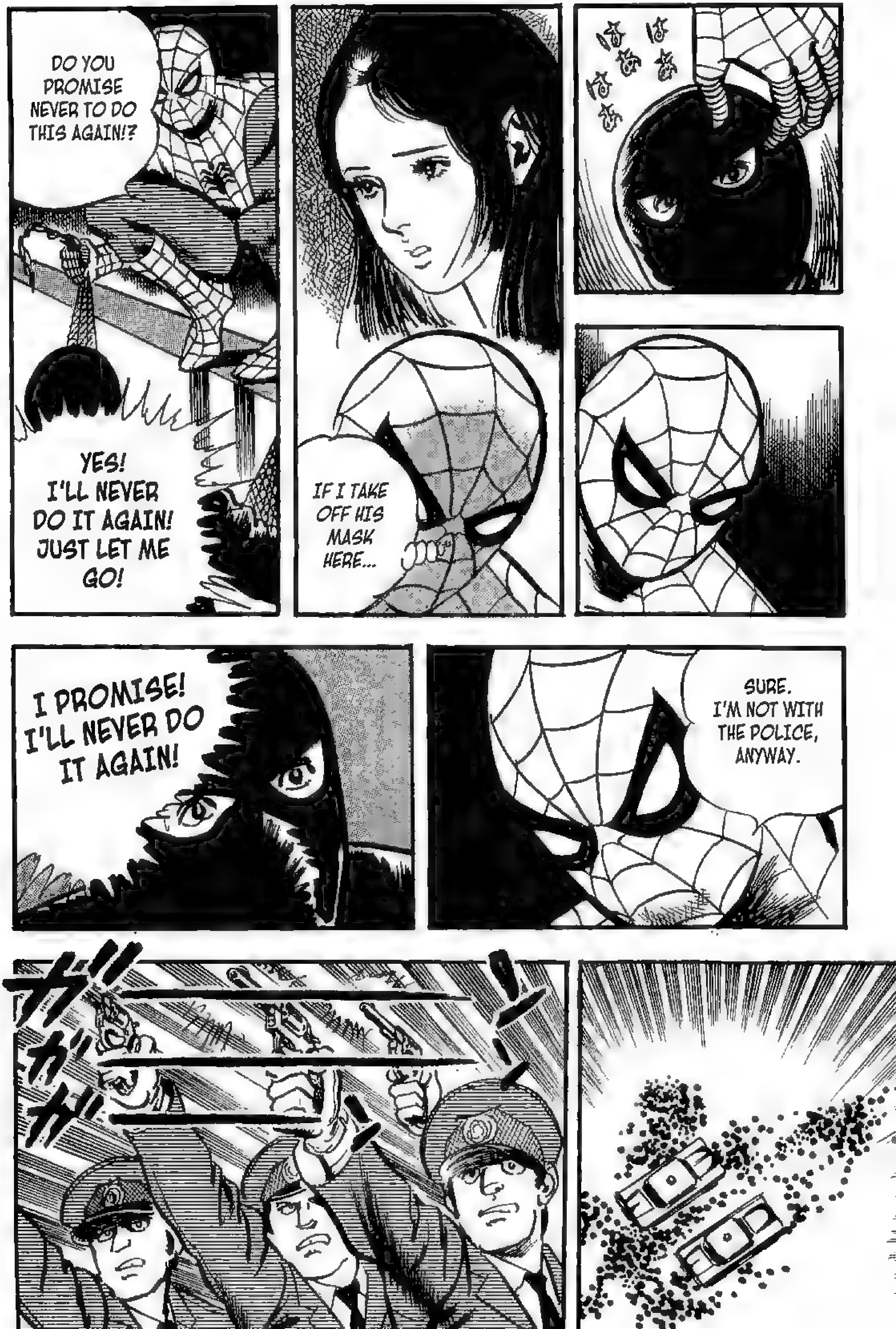
DAMMIT, I'LL KILL YOU!
I'LL TAKE OFF YOUR MASK!


I JUST WANT TO SEE YOUR FACE. I DON'T WANT TO HAND YOU TO THE POLICE.
N-NO! DON'T DO IT!
PLEASE, ANYTHING BUT THAT... PLEASE!
N-NO! STOP!


DO YOU PROMISE NEVER TO DO THIS AGAIN!?
YES! I'LL NEVER DO IT AGAIN! JUST LET ME GO!
IF I TAKE OFF HIS MASK HERE...
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I PROMISE! I'LL NEVER DO IT AGAIN!
SURE. I'M NOT WITH THE POLICE, ANYWAY.
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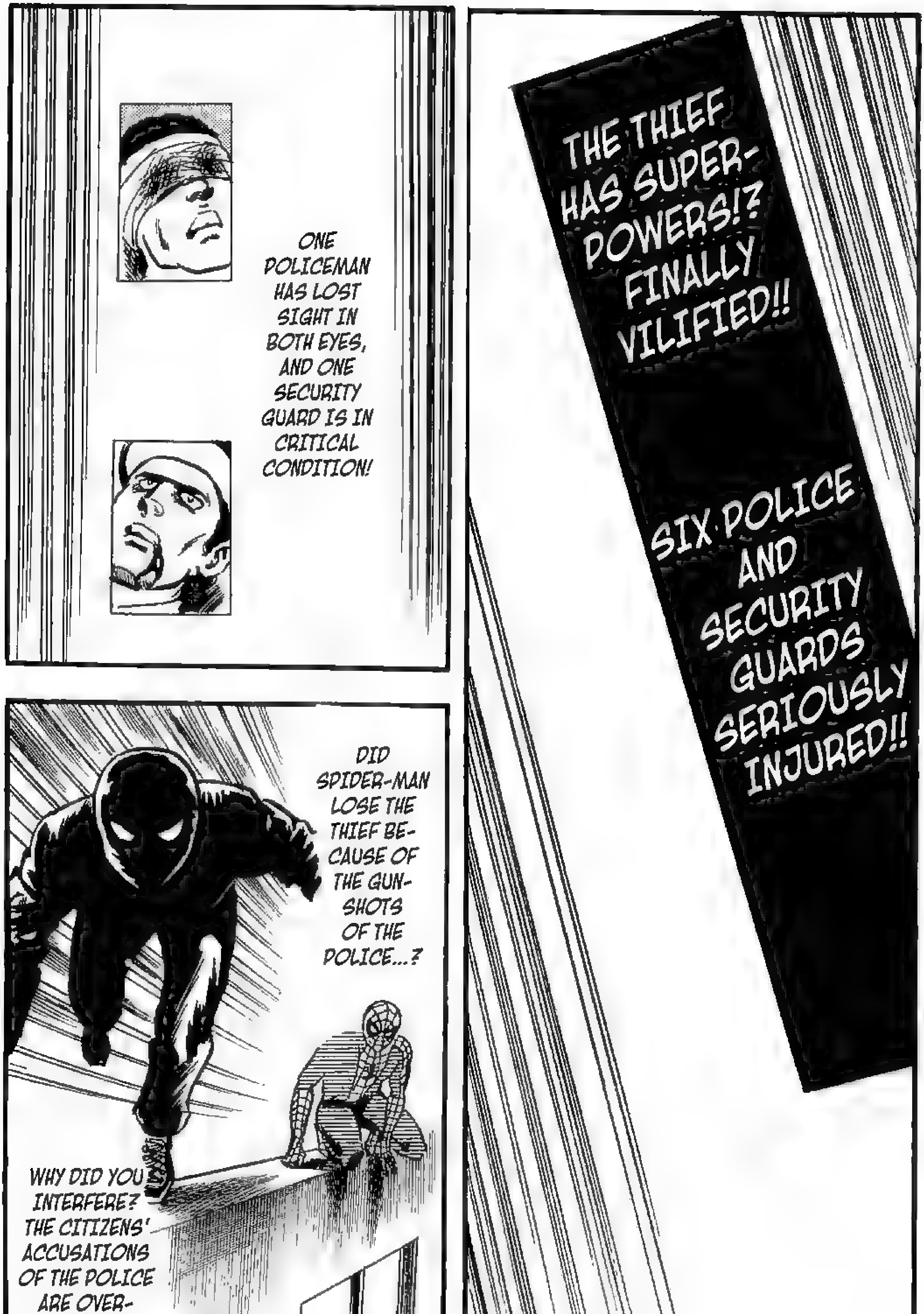
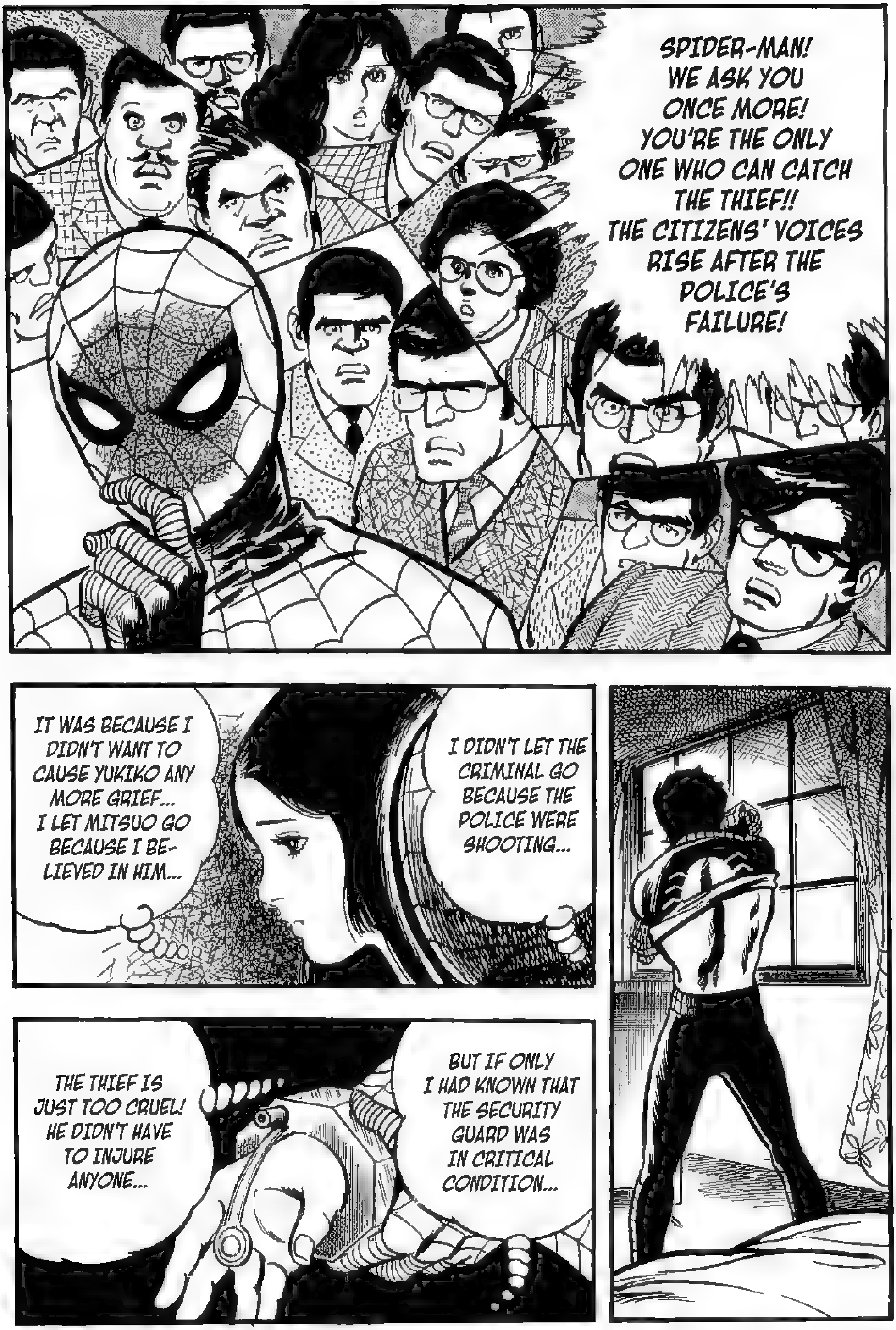
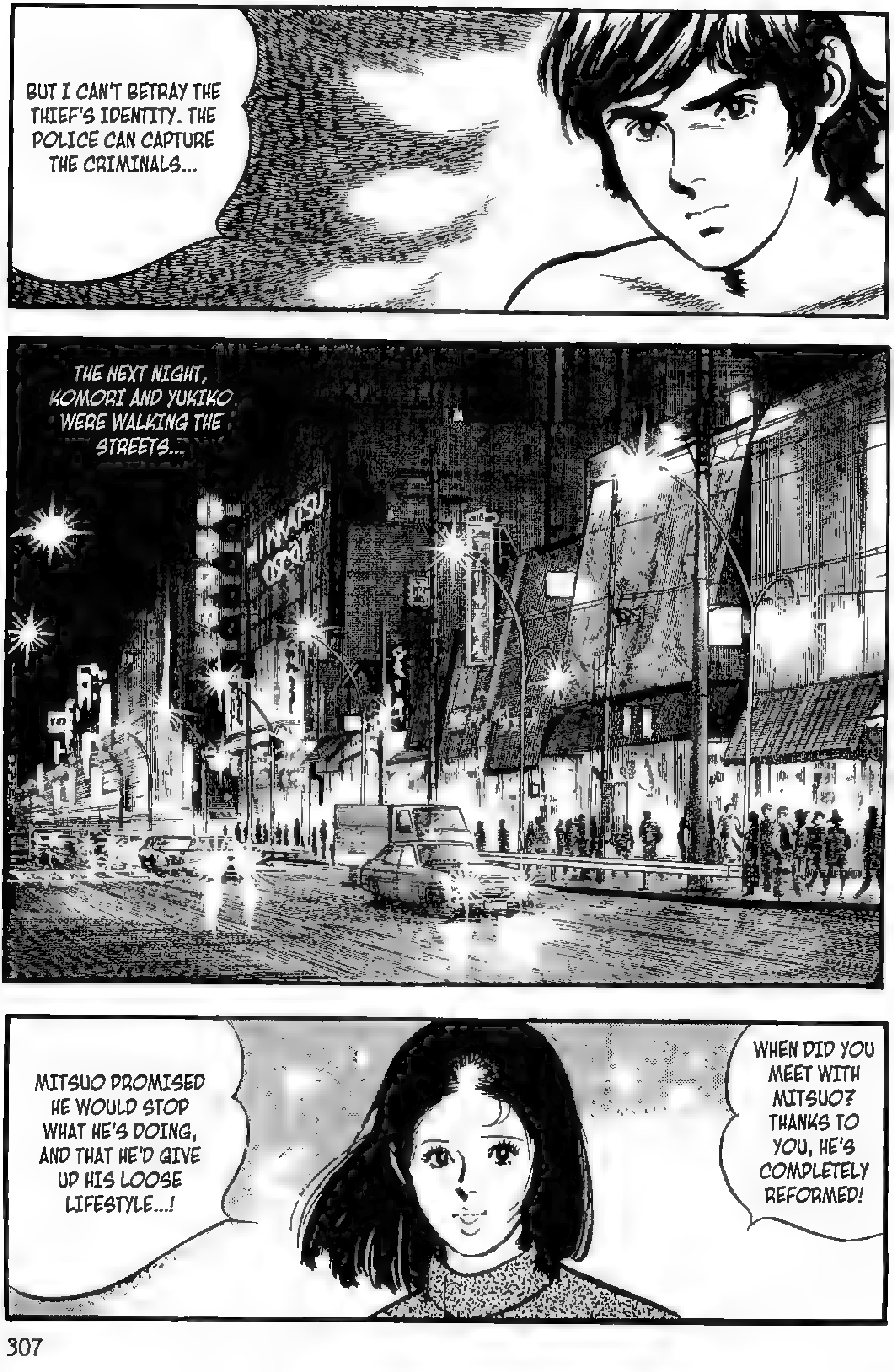
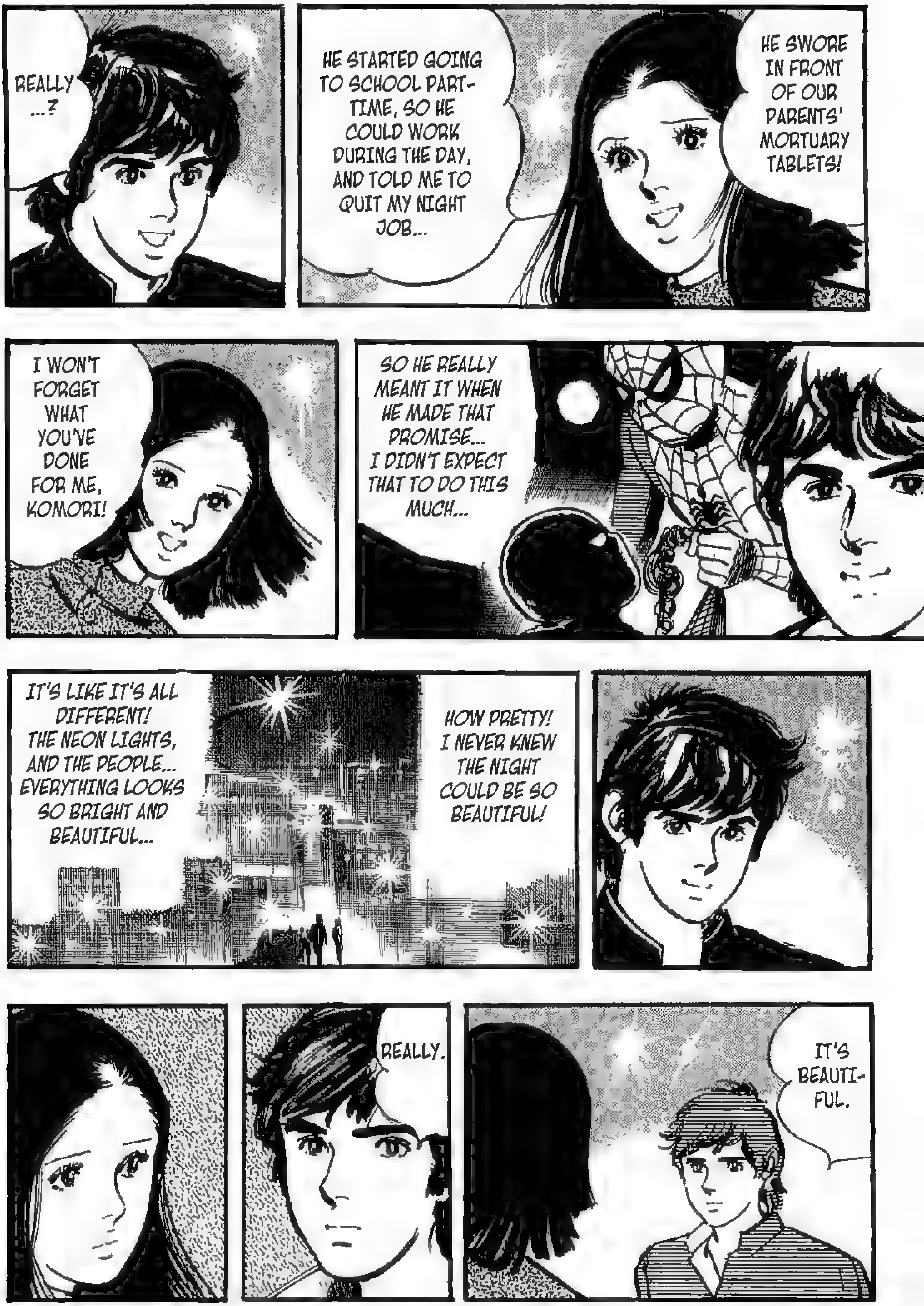
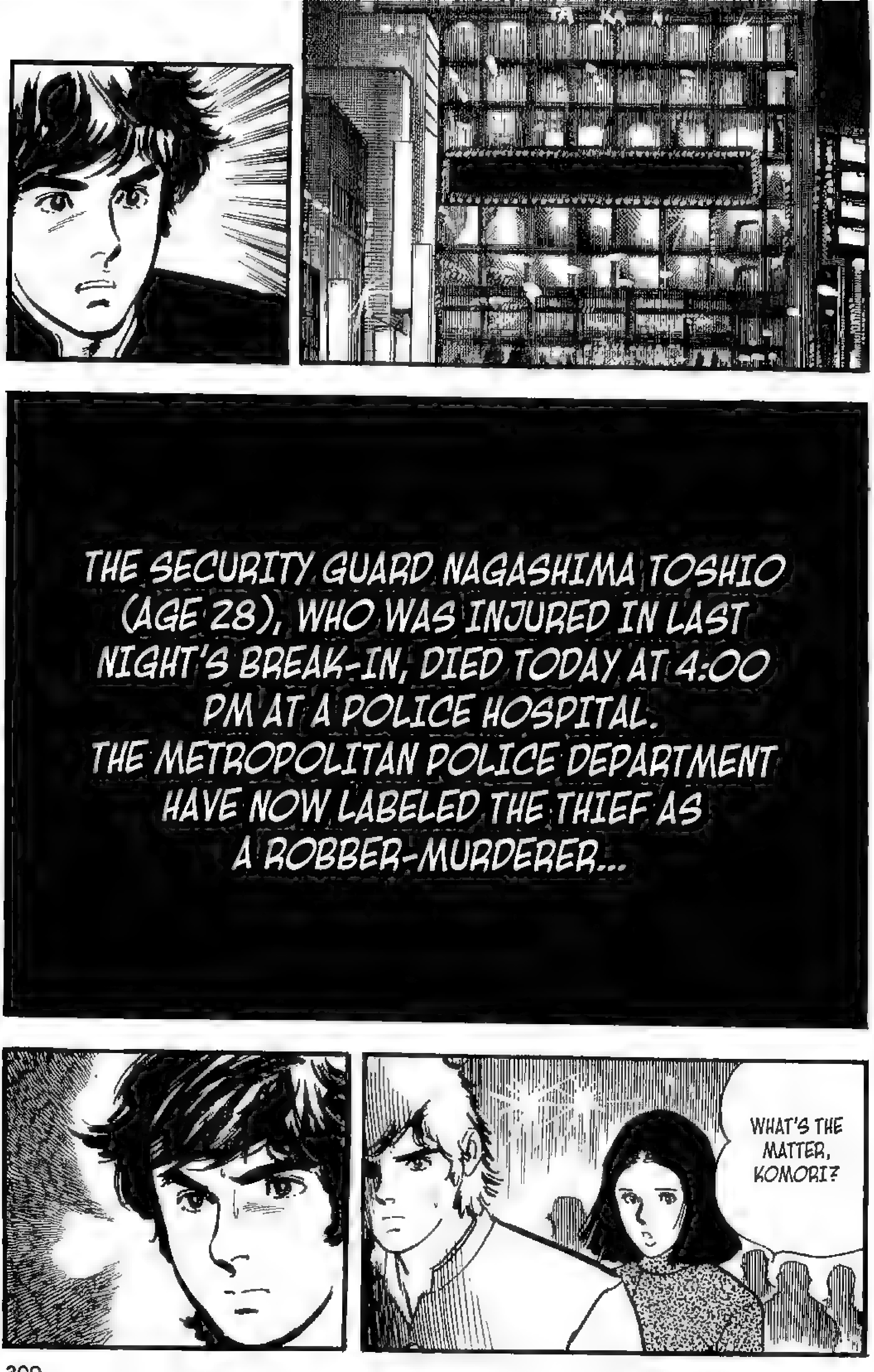
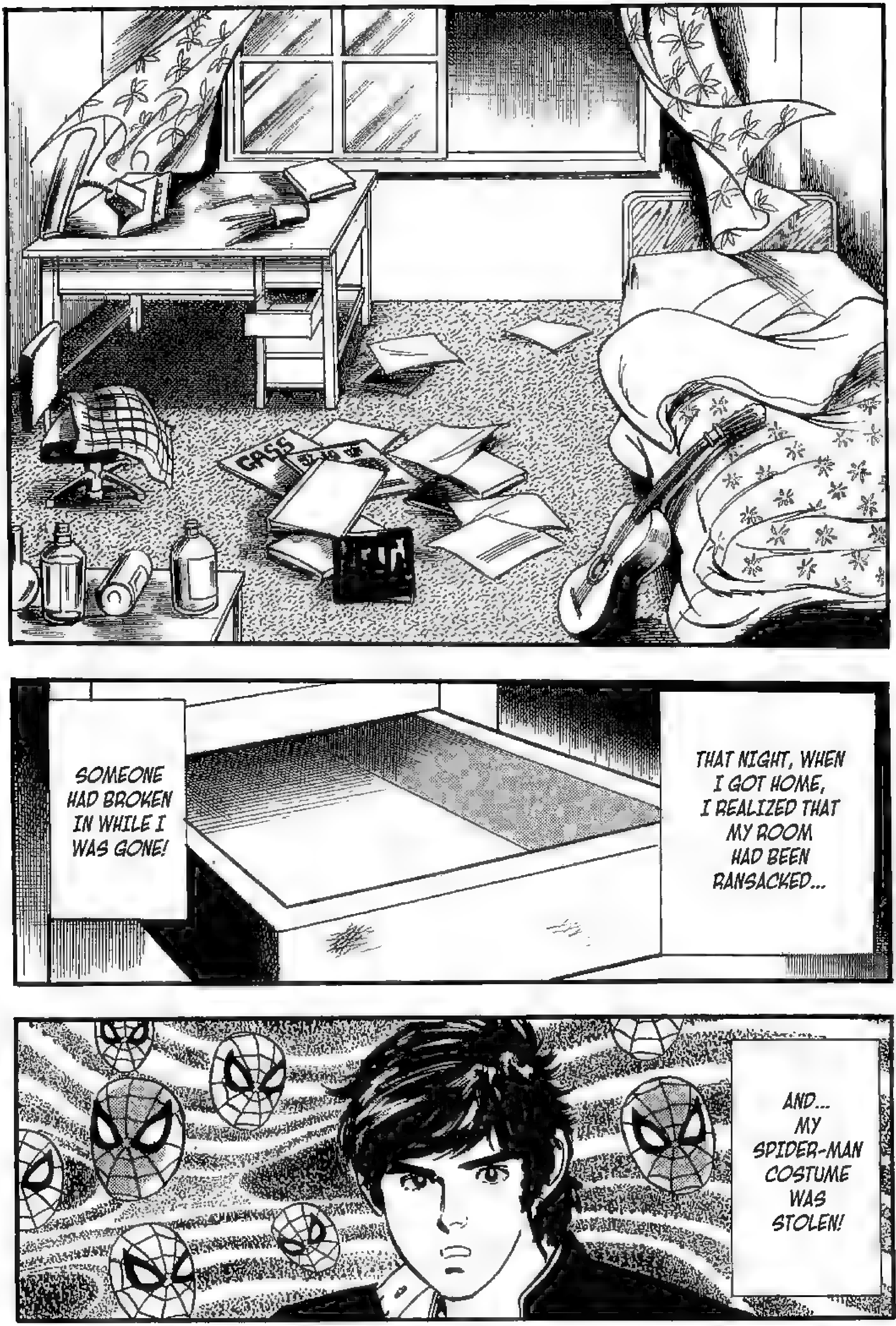

ONE POLICEMAN HAS LOST SIGHT IN BOTH EYES, AND ONE SECURITY GUARD IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION!
THE THIEF HAS SUPER-POWERS!? FINALLY VILIFIED!!
SIX POLICE AND SECURITY GUARDS SERIOUSLY INJURED!!
DID SPIDER-MAN LOSE THE THIEF BECAUSE OF THE GUNSHOTS OF THE POLICE...?
WHY DID YOU INTERFERE? THE CITIZENS' ACCUSATIONS OF THE POLICE ARE OVERFLOWING!

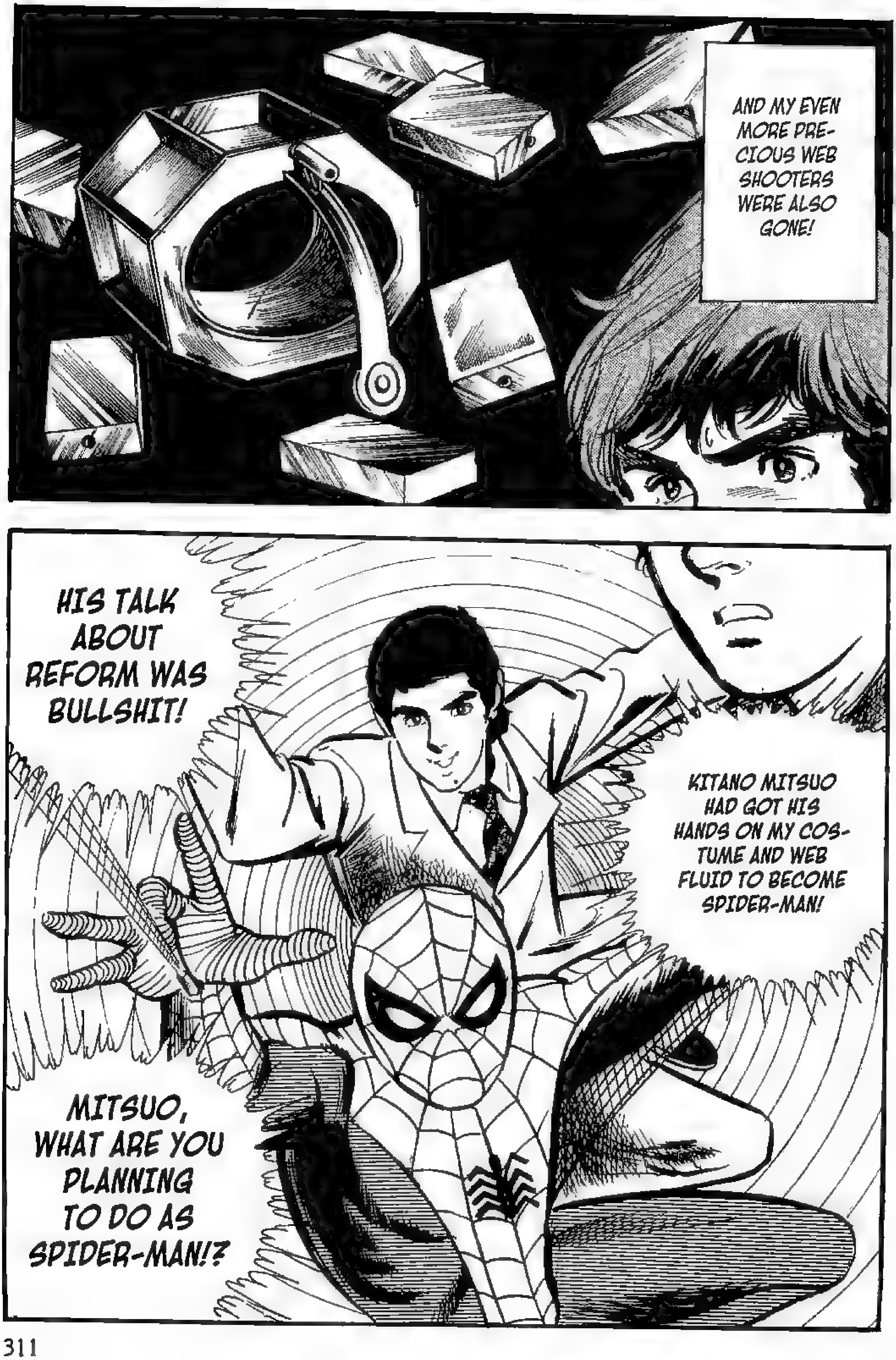

SPIDER-MAN! WE ASK YOU ONCE MORE! YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN CATCH THE THIEF!! THE CITIZENS' VOICES RISE AFTER THE POLICE'S FAILURE!
I DIDN'T LET THE CRIMINAL GO BECAUSE THE POLICE WERE SHOOTING...
IT WAS BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO CAUSE YUKIKO ANY MORE GRIEF... I LET MITSUO GO BECAUSE I BELIEVED IN HIM...
BUT IF ONLY I HAD KNOWN THAT THE SECURITY GUARD WAS IN CRITICAL CONDITION...
THE THIEF IS JUST TOO CRUEL! HE DIDN'T HAVE TO INJURE ANYONE...

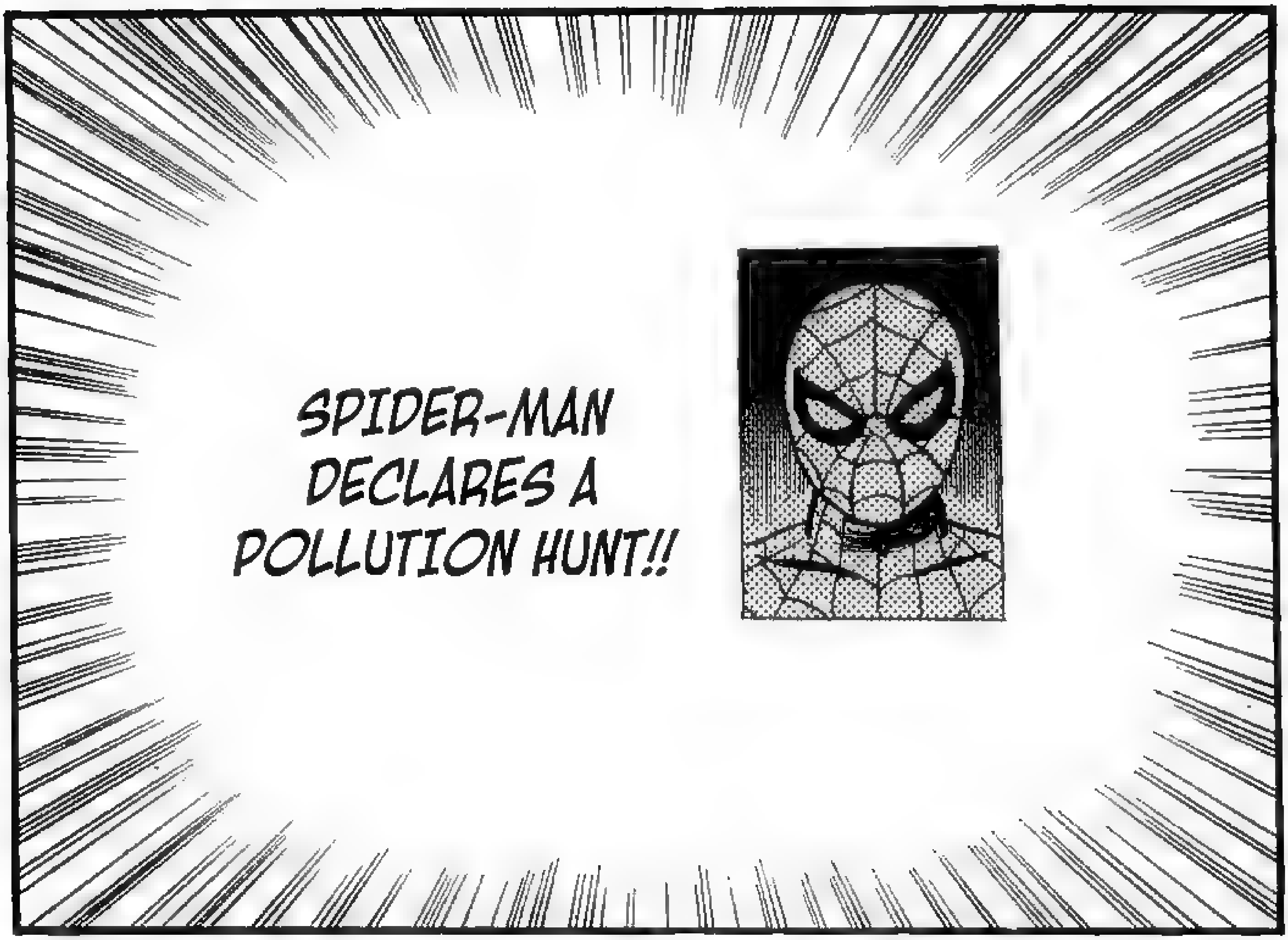

BUT I CAN'T BETRAY THE THIEF'S IDENTITY. THE POLICE CAN CAPTURE THE CRIMINALS...
THE NEXT NIGHT, KOMORI AND YUKIKO WERE WALKING THE STREETS...
WHEN DID YOU MEET WITH MITSUO? THANKS TO YOU, HE'S COMPLETELY REFORMED!
MITSUO PROMISED HE WOULD STOP WHAT HE'S DOING, AND THAT HE'D GIVE UP HIS LOOSE LIFESTYLE...!

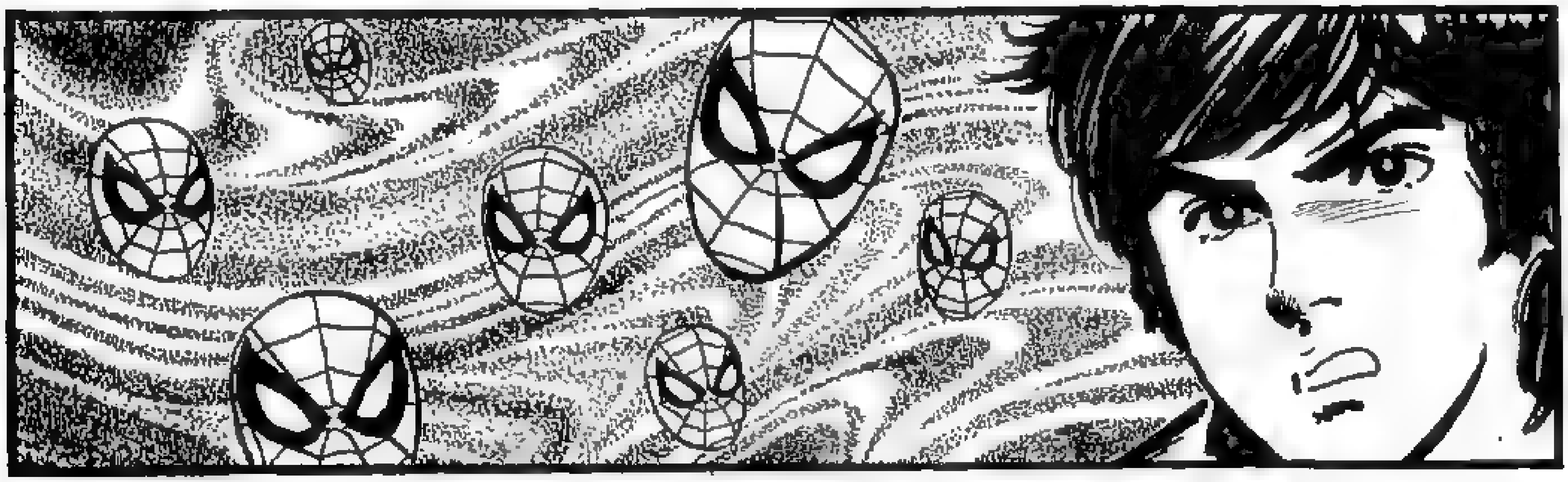

REALLY ...?
HE STARTED GOING TO SCHOOL PART-TIME, SO HE COULD WORK DURING THE DAY, AND TOLD ME TO QUIT MY NIGHT JOB...
HE SWORE IN FRONT OF OUR PARENTS' MORTUARY TABLETS!
I WON'T FORGET WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR ME, KOMORI!
SO HE REALLY MEANT IT WHEN HE MADE THAT PROMISE... I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT TO DO THIS MUCH...
IT'S LIKE IT'S ALL DIFFERENT! THE NEON LIGHTS, AND THE PEOPLE... EVERYTHING LOOKS SO BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL...
HOW PRETTY! I NEVER KNEW THE NIGHT COULD BE SO BEAUTIFUL!
REALLY.
IT'S BEAUTIFUL.

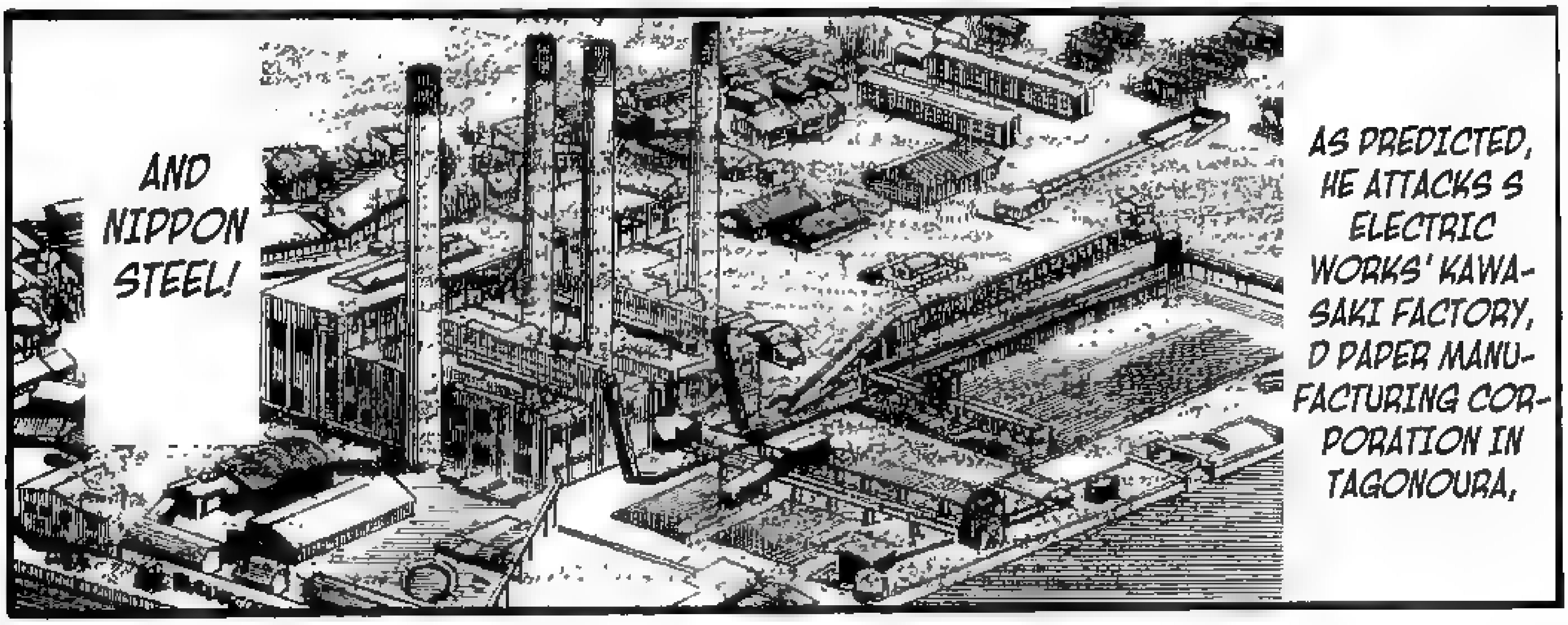

THE SECURITY GUARD NAGASHIMA TOSHIO (AGE 28), WHO WAS INJURED IN LAST NIGHT'S BREAK-IN, DIED TODAY AT 4:00 PM AT A POLICE HOSPITAL. THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT HAVE NOW LABELED THE THIEF AS A ROBBER-MURDERER...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, KOMORI?

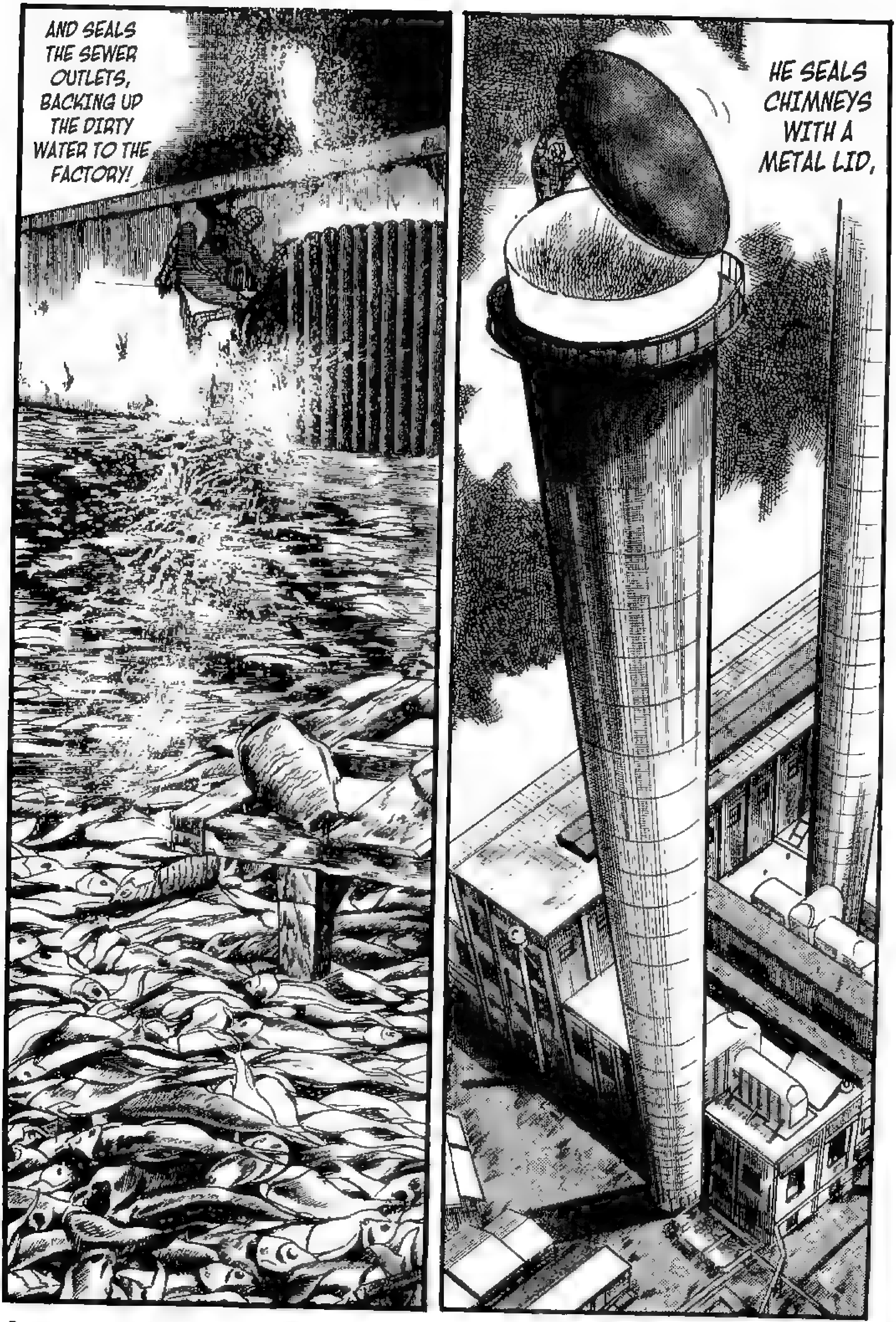

THAT NIGHT, WHEN I GOT HOME, I REALIZED THAT MY ROOM HAD BEEN RANSACKED...
SOMEONE HAD BROKEN IN WHILE I WAS GONE!
AND... MY SPIDER-MAN COSTUME WAS STOLEN!

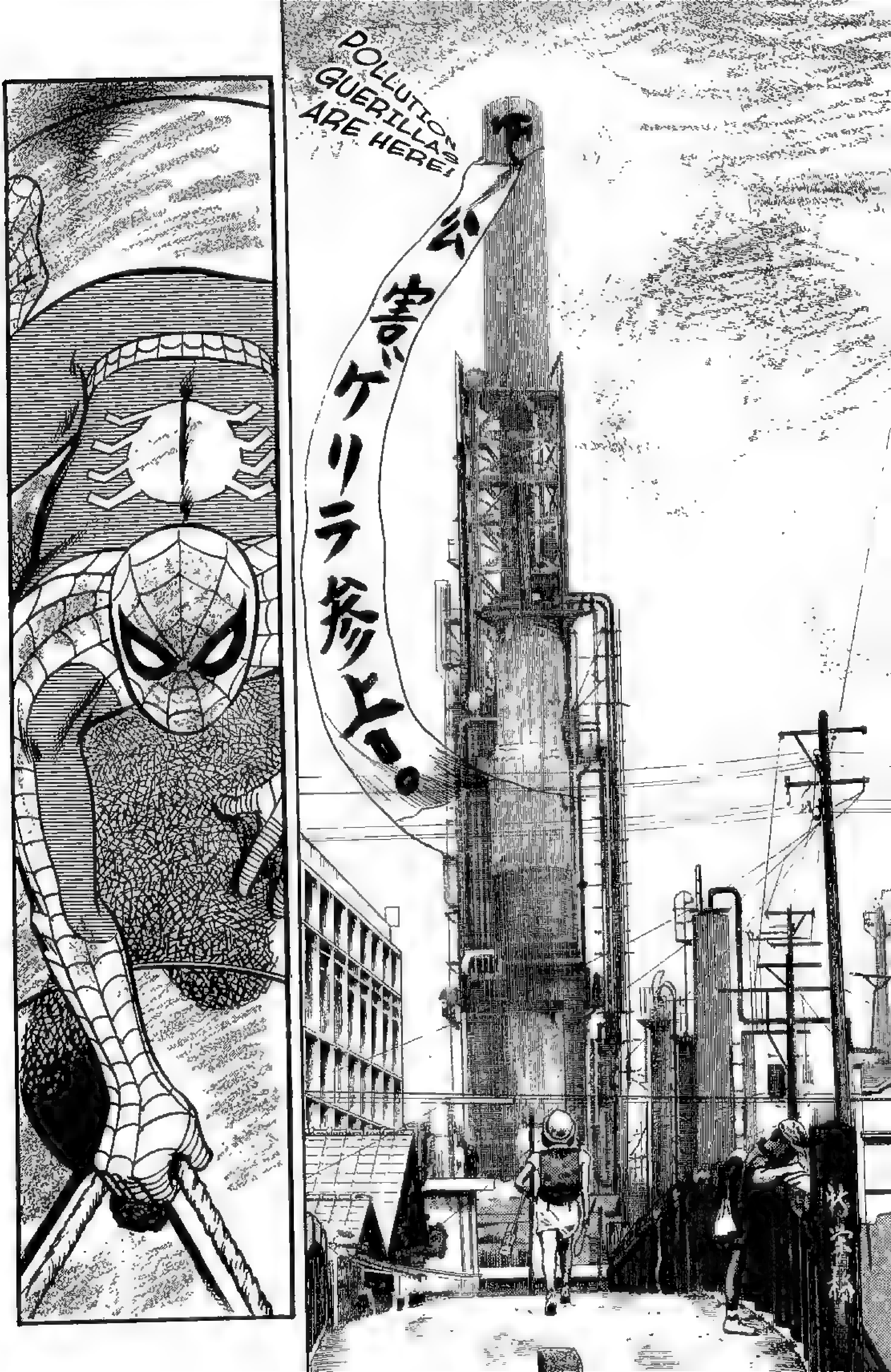

AND MY EVEN MORE PRECIOUS WEB SHOOTERS WERE ALSO GONE!
HIS TALK ABOUT REFORM WAS BULLSHIT!
KITANO MITSUO HAD GOT HIS HANDS ON MY COSTUME AND WEB FLUID TO BECOME SPIDER-MAN!
MITSUO, WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO AS SPIDER-MAN!?


SPIDER-MAN DECLARES A POLLUTION HUNT!!




AS PREDICTED, HE ATTACKS S ELECTRIC WORKS' KAWASAKI FACTORY, D PAPER MANUFACTURING CORPORATION IN TAGONOURA,
AND NIPPON STEEL!


HE SEALS CHIMNEYS WITH A METAL LID,
AND SEALS THE SEWER OUTLETS, BACKING UP THE DIRTY WATER TO THE FACTORY!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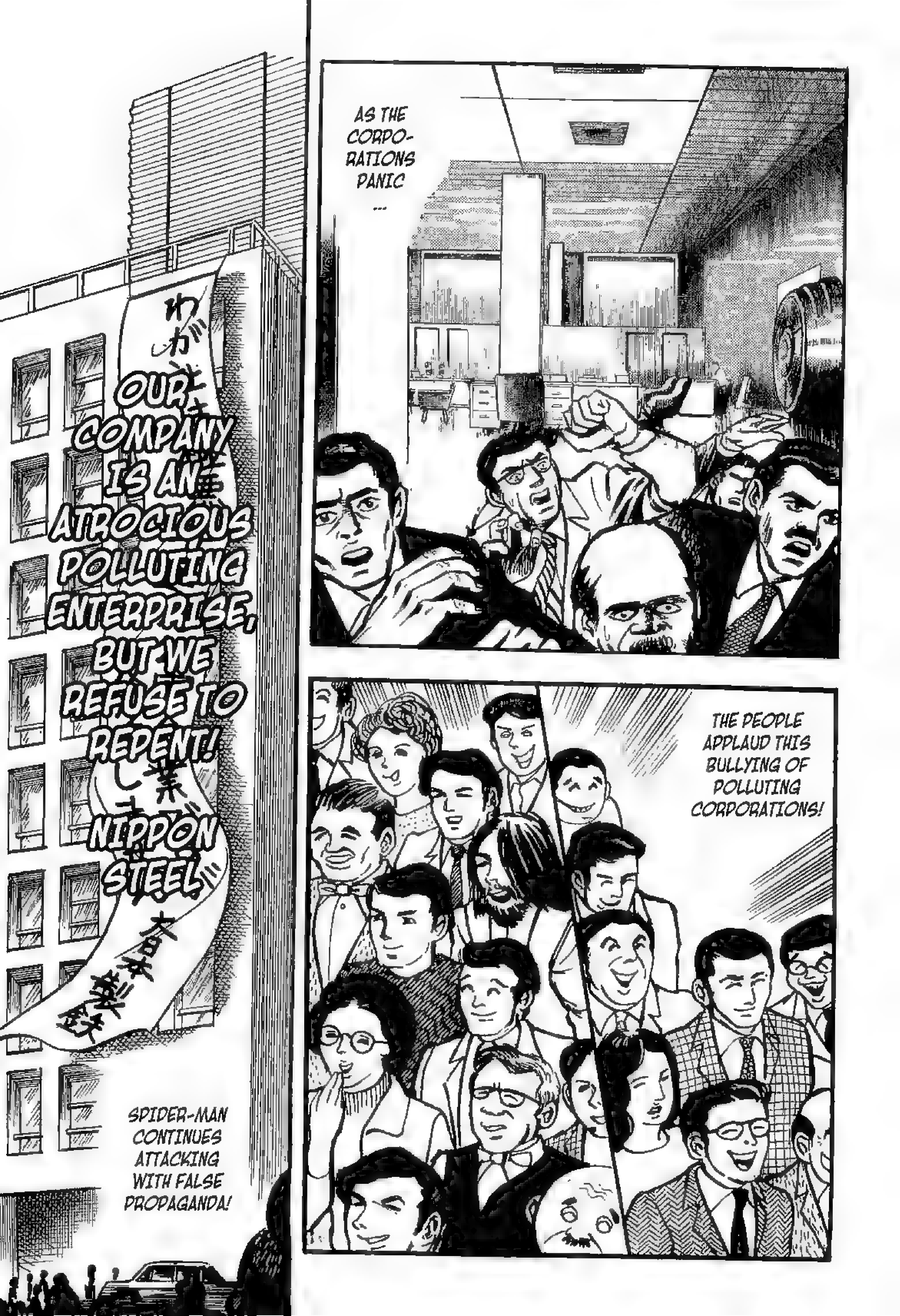
POLLUTION GUERILLAS ARE HERE!


AS THE CORPORATIONS PANIC ...
THE PEOPLE APPLAUD THIS BULLYING OF POLLUTING CORPORATIONS!
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OUR COMPANY IS AN ATROCIOUS POLLUTING ENTERPRISE, BUT WE REFUSE TO REPENT! NIPPON STEEL
SPIDER-MAN CONTINUES ATTACKING WITH FALSE PROPAGANDA!

NIPPON STEEL HAS REPORTED SPIDER-MAN TO THE SPECIALIST CRIME DIRECTORATE,
AND THE POLICE HAVE ASSEMBLED A SPECIAL INVESTIGATION SQUAD TO HUNT SPIDER-MAN!
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WE'RE DOING OUR BEST TO KILL ALL LIFE ON EARTH! NIPPON STEEL
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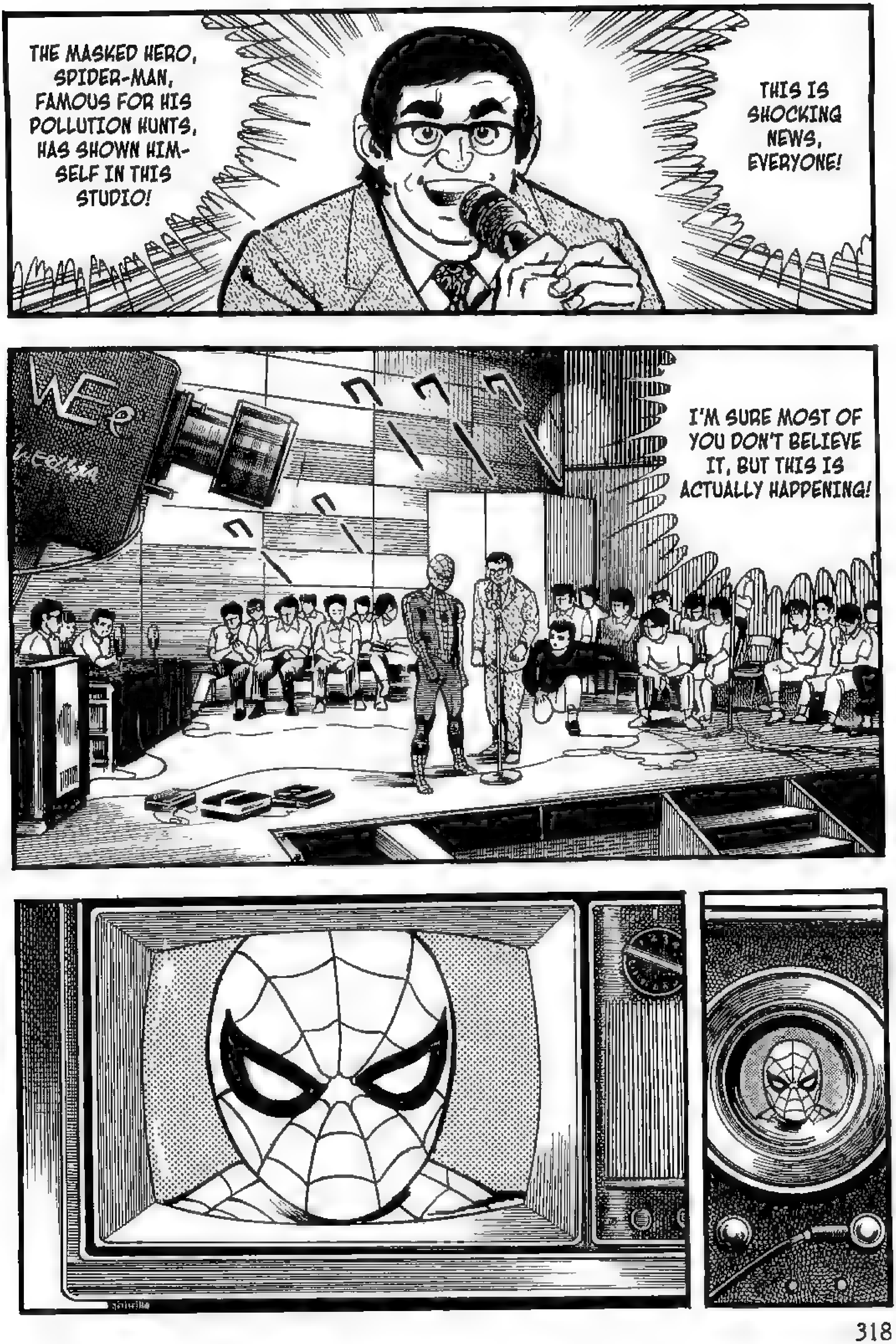
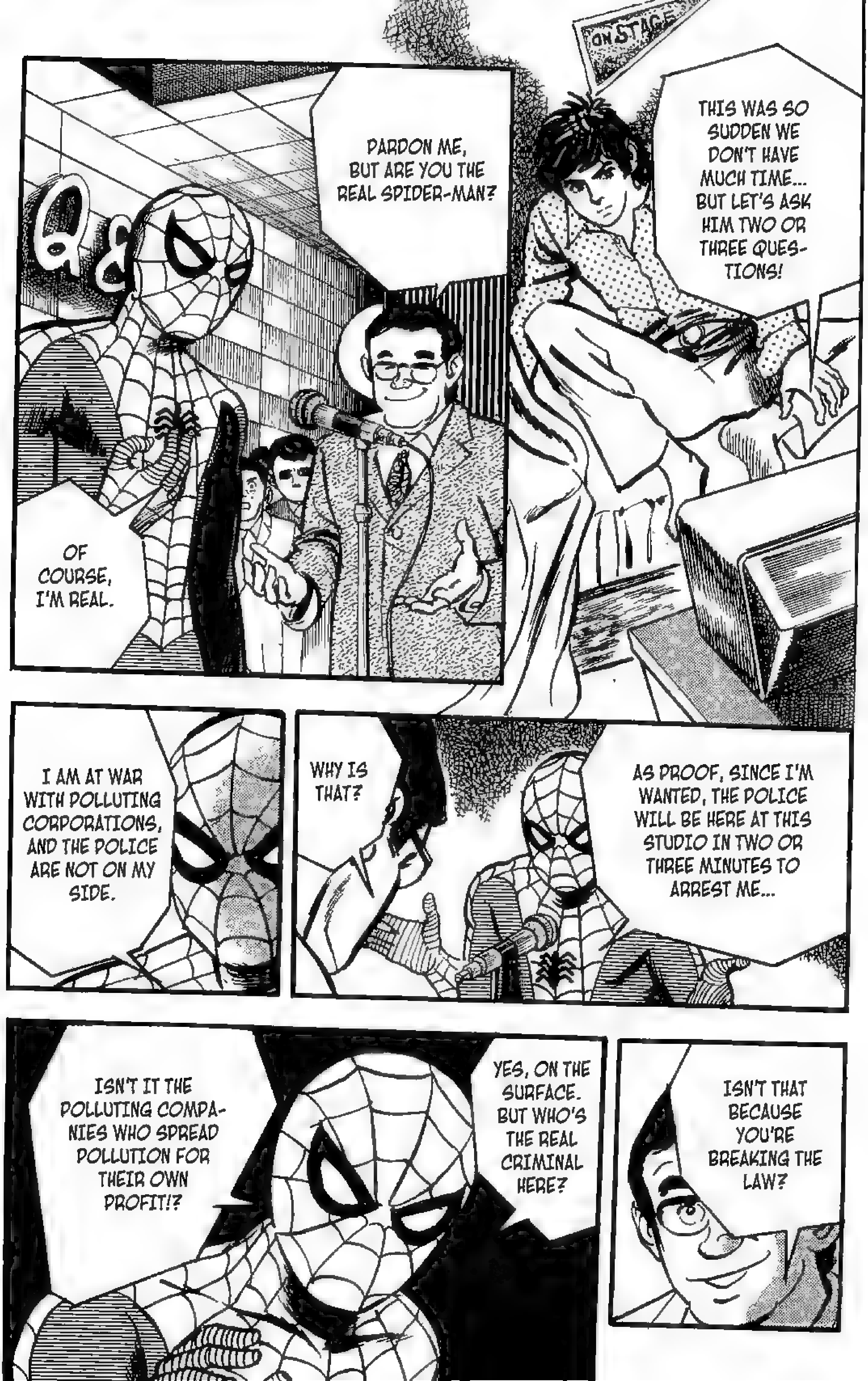
WE CREATE STEEL, BUT WE'RE BETTER AT DESTROYING THE ENVIRONMENT! NIPPON STEEL


THIS IS SHOCKING NEWS, EVERYONE!
THE MASKED HERO, SPIDER-MAN, FAMOUS FOR HIS POLLUTION HUNTS, HAS SHOWN HIMSELF IN THIS STUDIO!
I'M SURE MOST OF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT, BUT THIS IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING!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THIS WAS SO SUDDEN WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME... BUT LET'S ASK HIM TWO OR THREE QUESTIONS!
PARDON ME, BUT ARE YOU THE REAL SPIDER-MAN?
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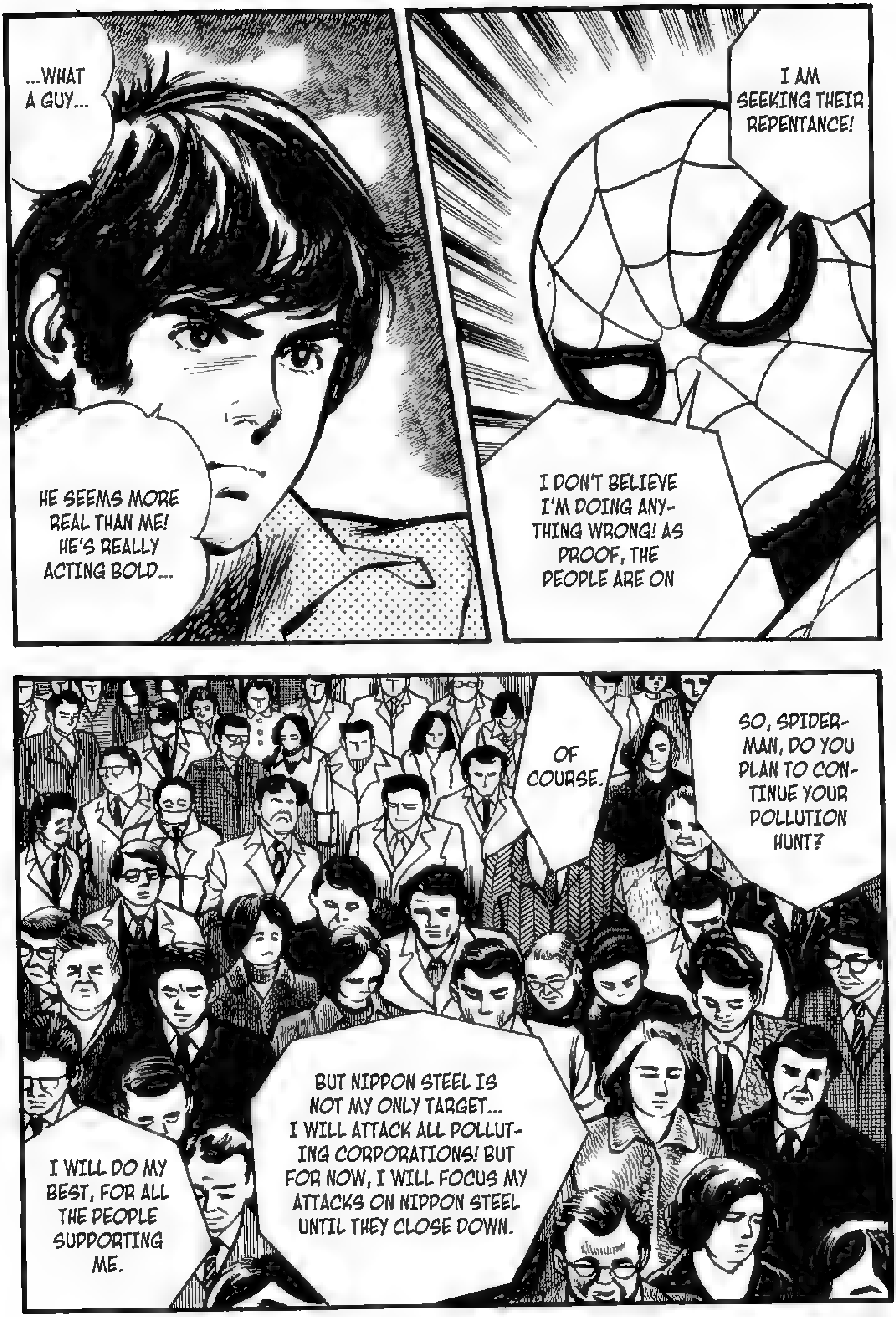
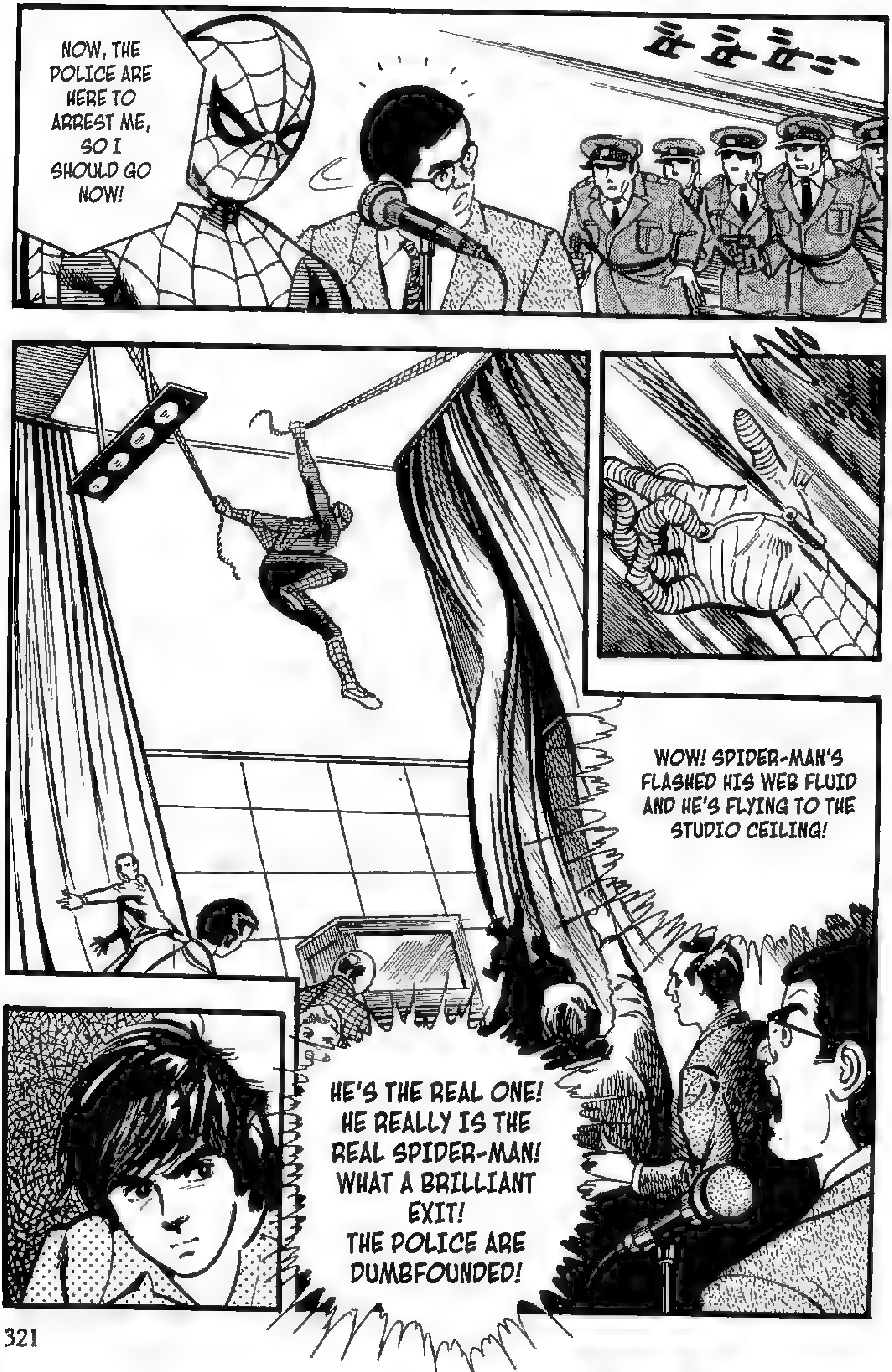
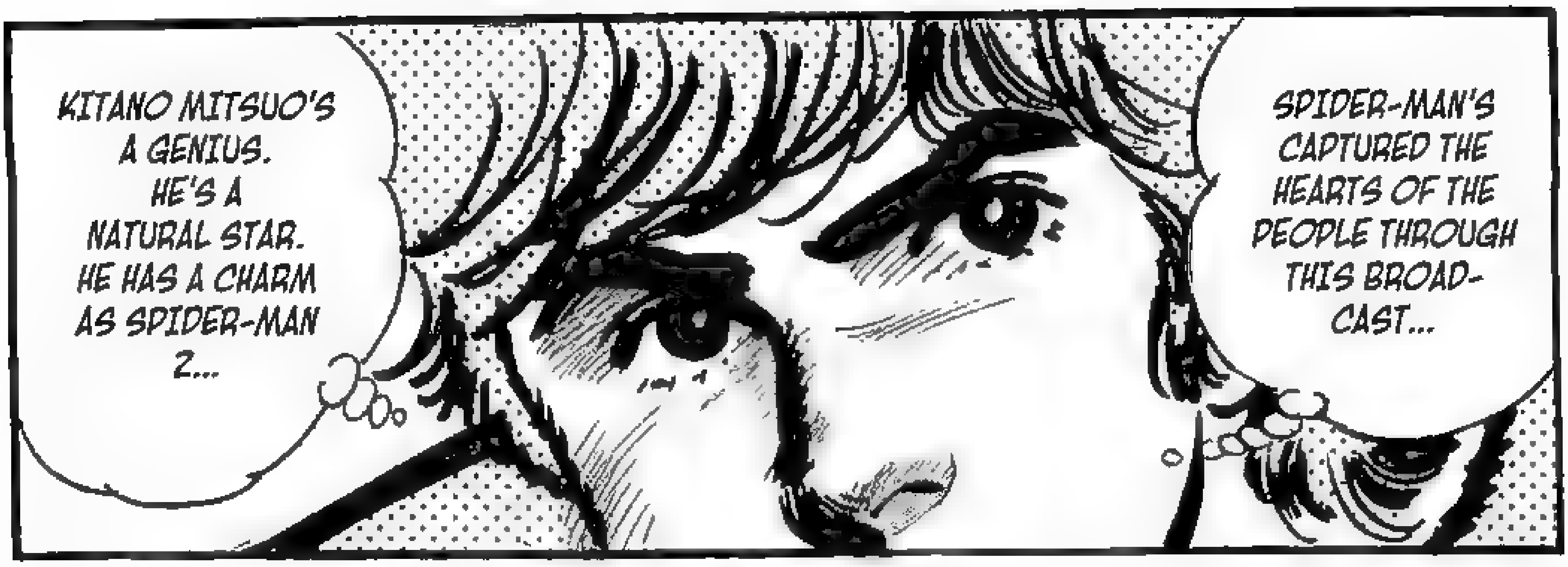
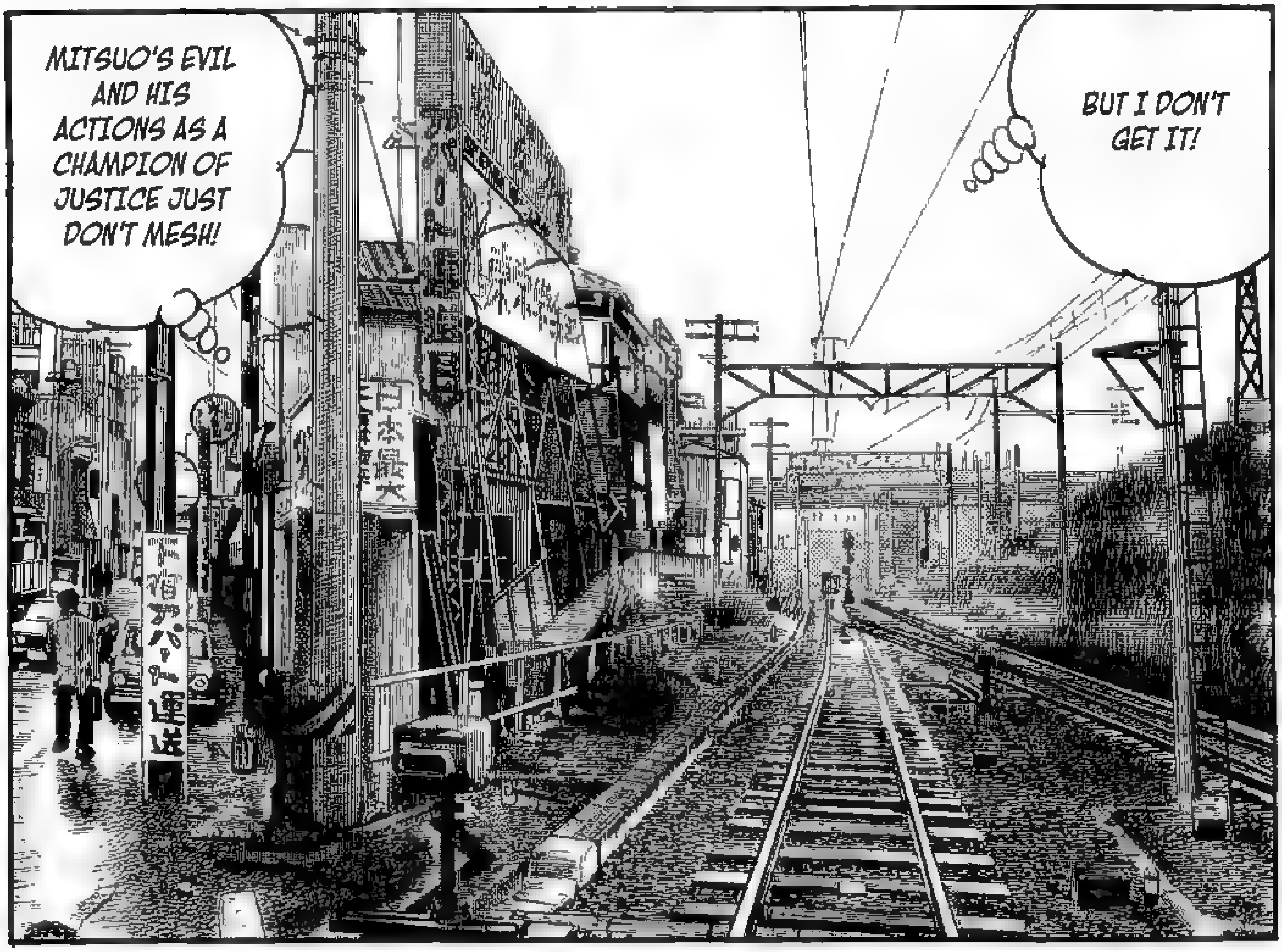
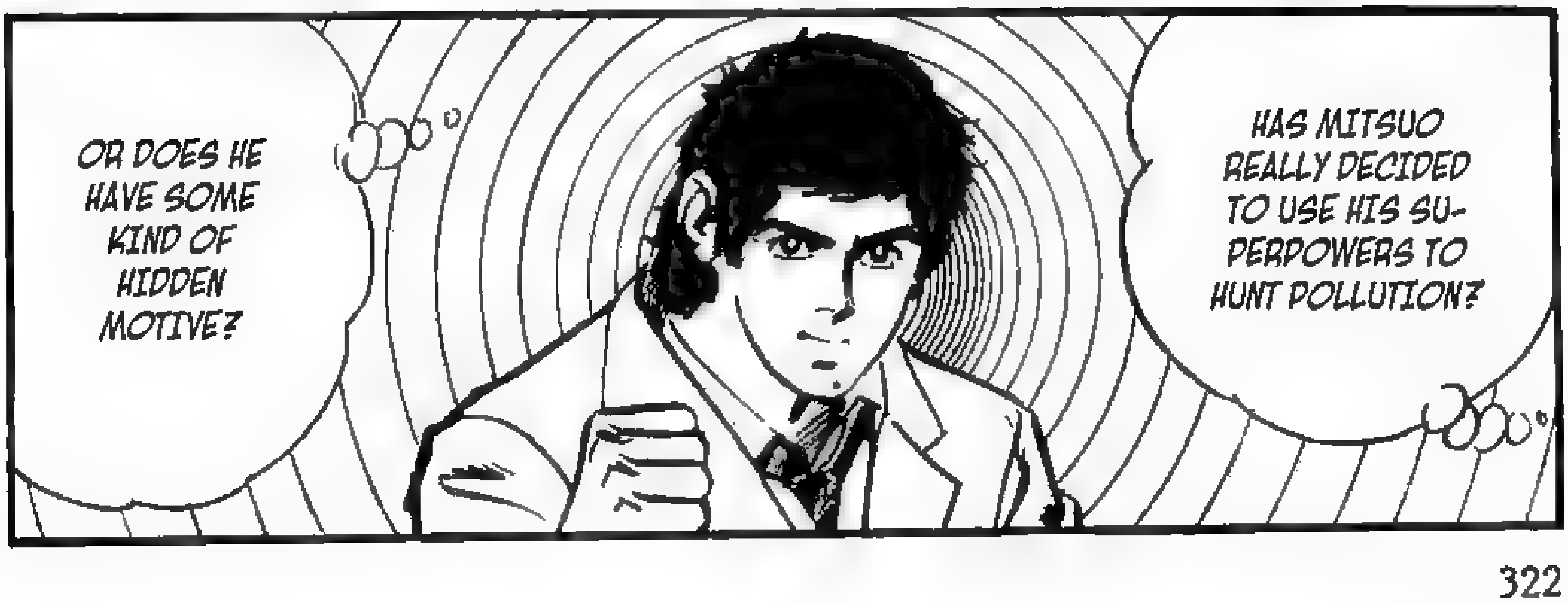
OF COURSE, I'M REAL.
AS PROOF, SINCE I'M WANTED, THE POLICE WILL BE HERE AT THIS STUDIO IN TWO OR THREE MINUTES TO ARREST ME...
WHY IS THAT?
I AM AT WAR WITH POLLUTING CORPORATIONS, AND THE POLICE ARE NOT ON MY SIDE.
ISN'T THAT BECAUSE YOU'RE BREAKING THE LAW?
YES, ON THE SURFACE. BUT WHO'S THE REAL CRIMINAL HERE?
ISN'T IT THE POLLUTING COMPANIES WHO SPREAD POLLUTION FOR THEIR OWN PROFIT!?

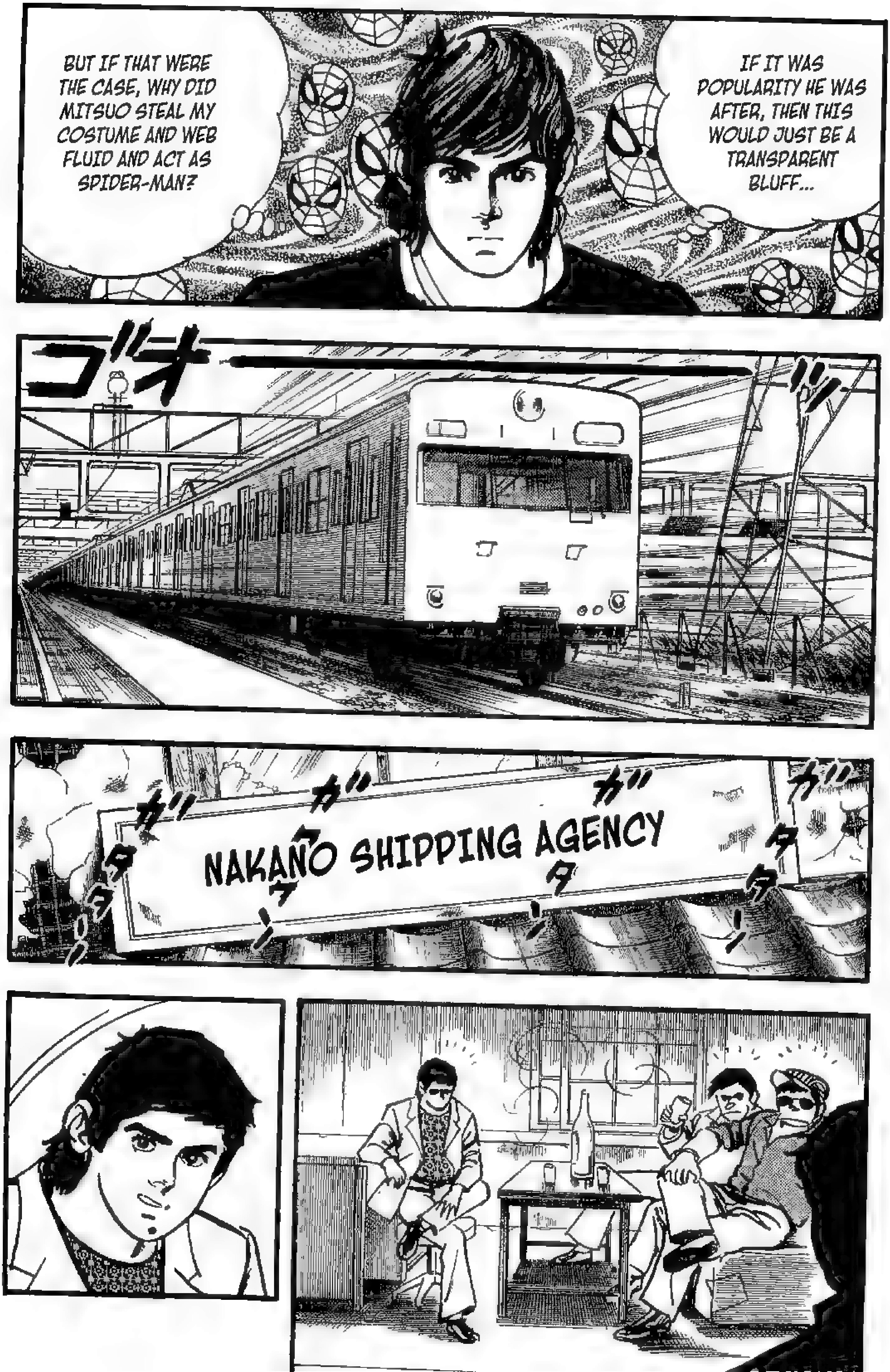

I AM SEEKING THEIR REPENTANCE!
I DON'T BELIEVE I'M DOING ANYTHING WRONG! AS PROOF, THE PEOPLE ARE ON
...WHAT A GUY...
HE SEEMS MORE REAL THAN ME! HE'S REALLY ACTING BOLD...
SO, SPIDER-MAN, DO YOU PLAN TO CONTINUE YOUR POLLUTION HUNT?
OF COURSE.
BUT NIPPON STEEL IS NOT MY ONLY TARGET... I WILL ATTACK ALL POLLUTING CORPORATIONS! BUT FOR NOW, I WILL FOCUS MY ATTACKS ON NIPPON STEEL UNTIL THEY CLOSE DOWN.
I WILL DO MY BEST, FOR ALL THE PEOPLE SUPPORTING ME.


NOW, THE POLICE ARE HERE TO ARREST ME, SO I SHOULD GO NOW!
WOW! SPIDER-MAN'S FLASHED HIS WEB FLUID AND HE'S FLYING TO THE STUDIO CEILING!
HE'S THE REAL ONE! HE REALLY IS THE REAL SPIDER-MAN! WHAT A BRILLIANT EXIT! THE POLICE ARE DUMBFOUNDED!


SPIDER-MAN'S CAPTURED THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE THROUGH THIS BROAD-CAST...
KITANO MITSUO'S A GENIUS. HE'S A NATURAL STAR. HE HAS A CHARM AS SPIDER-MAN 2...


BUT I DON'T GET IT!
MITSUO'S EVIL AND HIS ACTIONS AS A CHAMPION OF JUSTICE JUST DON'T MESH!


HAS MITSUO REALLY DECIDED TO USE HIS SUPERPOWERS TO HUNT POLLUTION?
OR DOES HE HAVE SOME KIND OF HIDDEN MOTIVE?


IF IT WAS POPULARITY HE WAS AFTER, THEN THIS WOULD JUST BE A TRANSPARENT BLUFF...
BUT IF THAT WERE THE CASE, WHY DID MITSUO STEAL MY COSTUME AND WEB FLUID AND ACT AS SPIDER-MAN?
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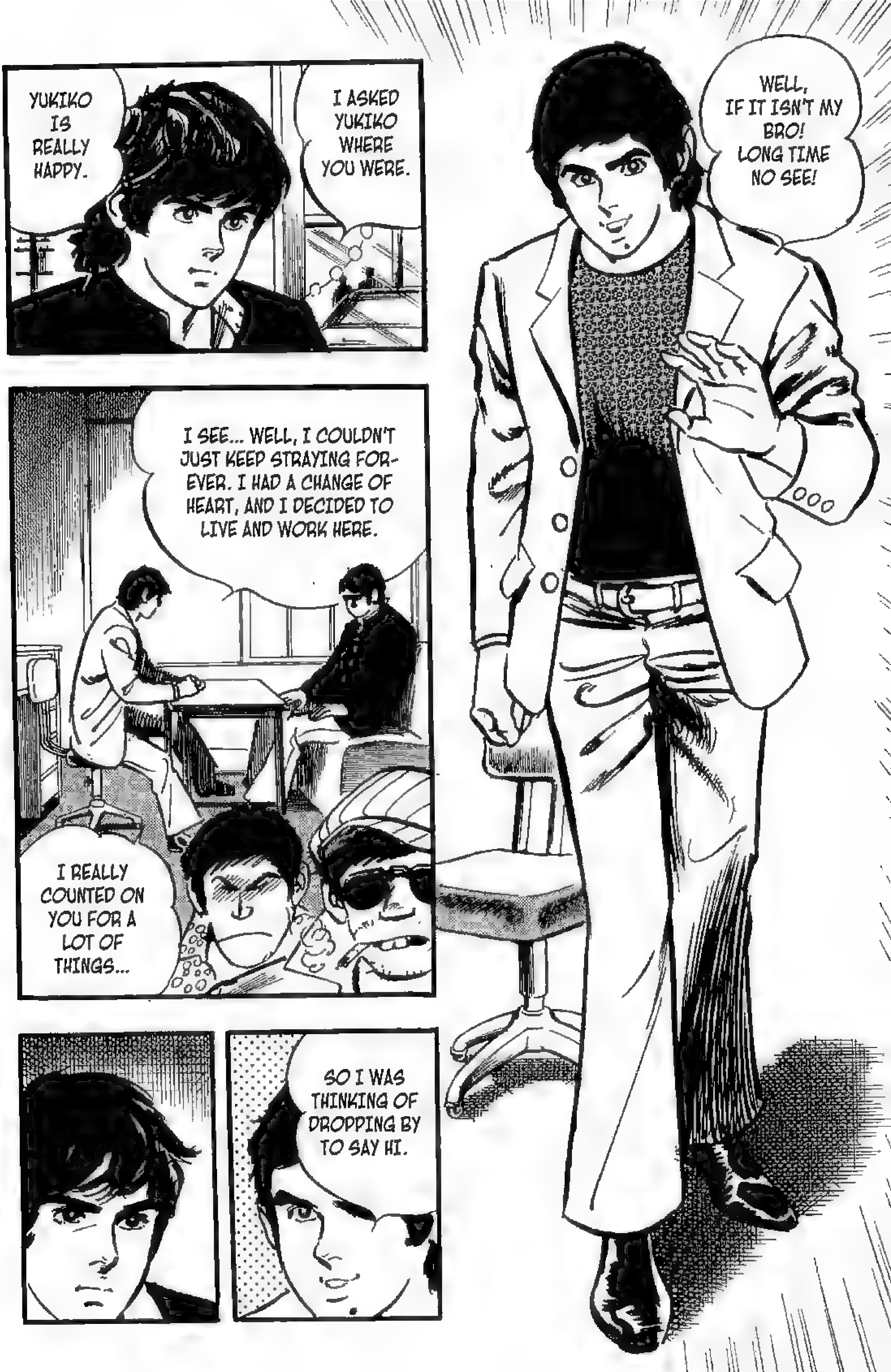
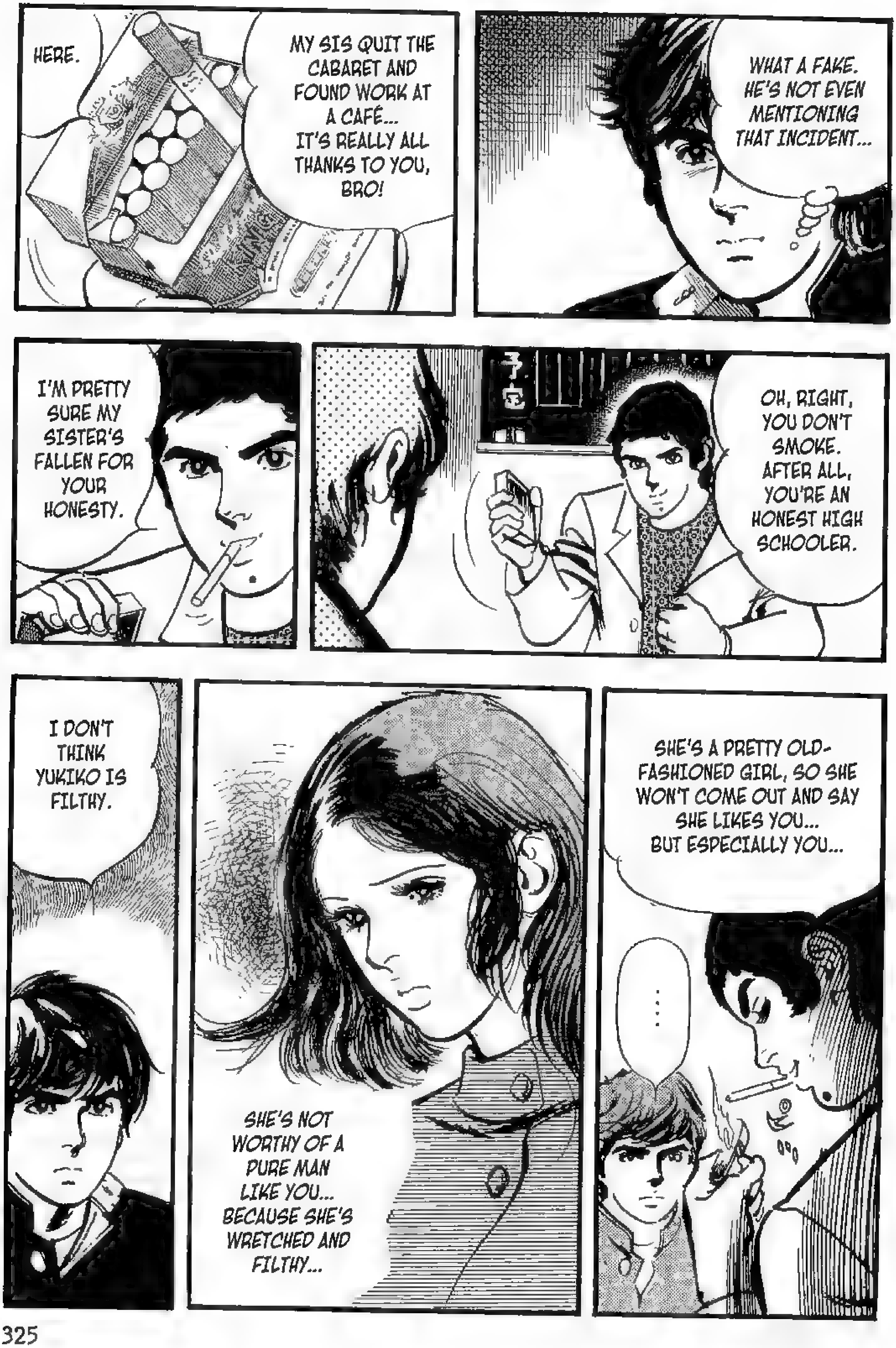
NAKANO SHIPPING AGENCY


WELL, IF IT ISN'T MY BRO! LONG TIME NO SEE!
I ASKED YUKIKO WHERE YOU WERE.
YUKIKO IS REALLY HAPPY.
I SEE... WELL, I COULDN'T JUST KEEP STRAYING FOREVER. I HAD A CHANGE OF HEART, AND I DECIDED TO LIVE AND WORK HERE.
I REALLY COUNTED ON YOU FOR A LOT OF THINGS...
SO I WAS THINKING OF DROPPING BY TO SAY HI.


WHAT A FAKE. HE'S NOT EVEN MENTIONING THAT INCIDENT...
HERE.
MY SIS QUIT THE CABARET AND FOUND WORK AT A CAFÉ... IT'S REALLY ALL THANKS TO YOU, BRO!
OH, RIGHT, YOU DON'T SMOKE. AFTER ALL, YOU'RE AN HONEST HIGH SCHOOLER.
I'M PRETTY SURE MY SISTER'S FALLEN FOR YOUR HONESTY.
SHE'S A PRETTY OLD-FASHIONED GIRL, SO SHE WON'T COME OUT AND SAY SHE LIKES YOU... BUT ESPECIALLY YOU...
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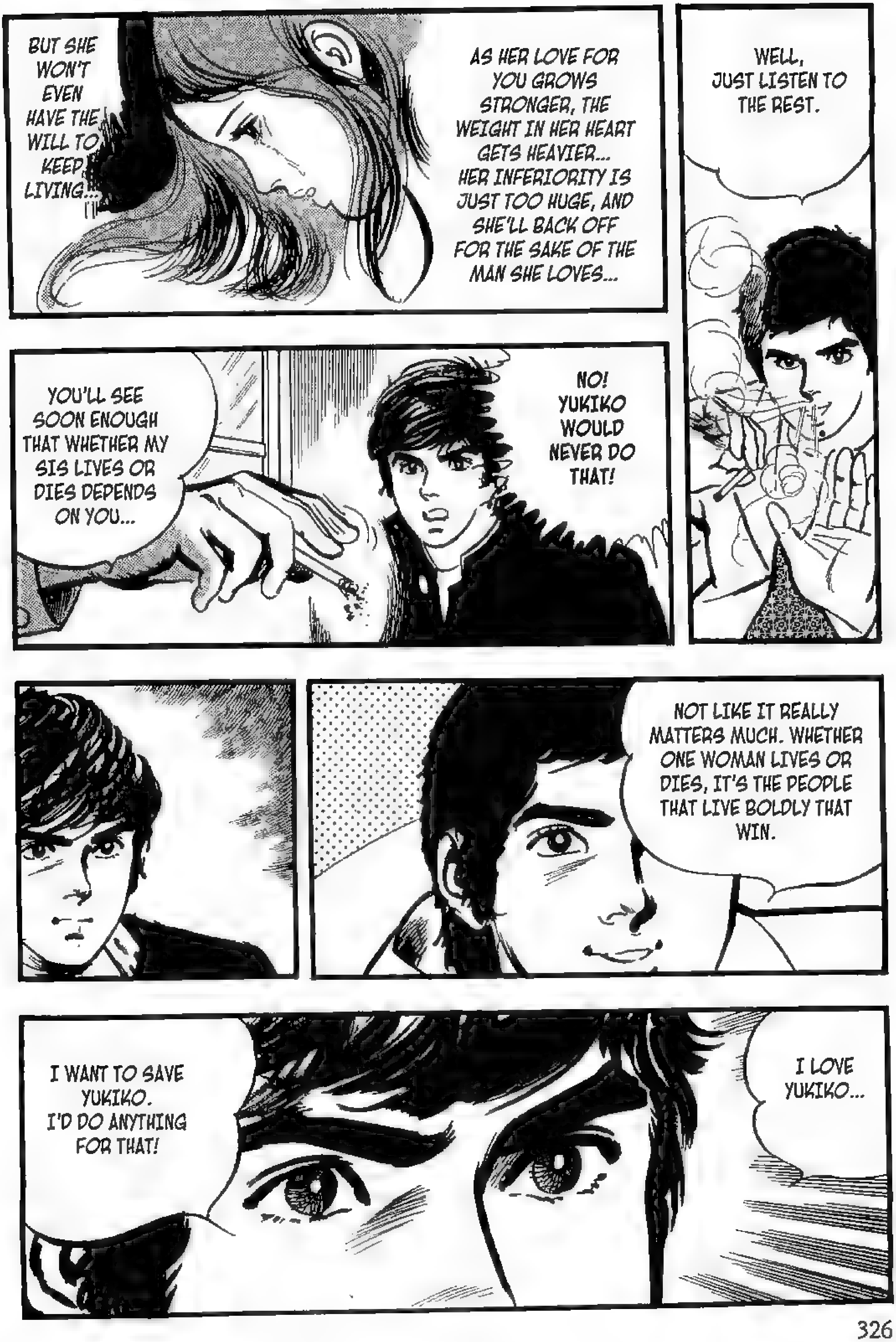
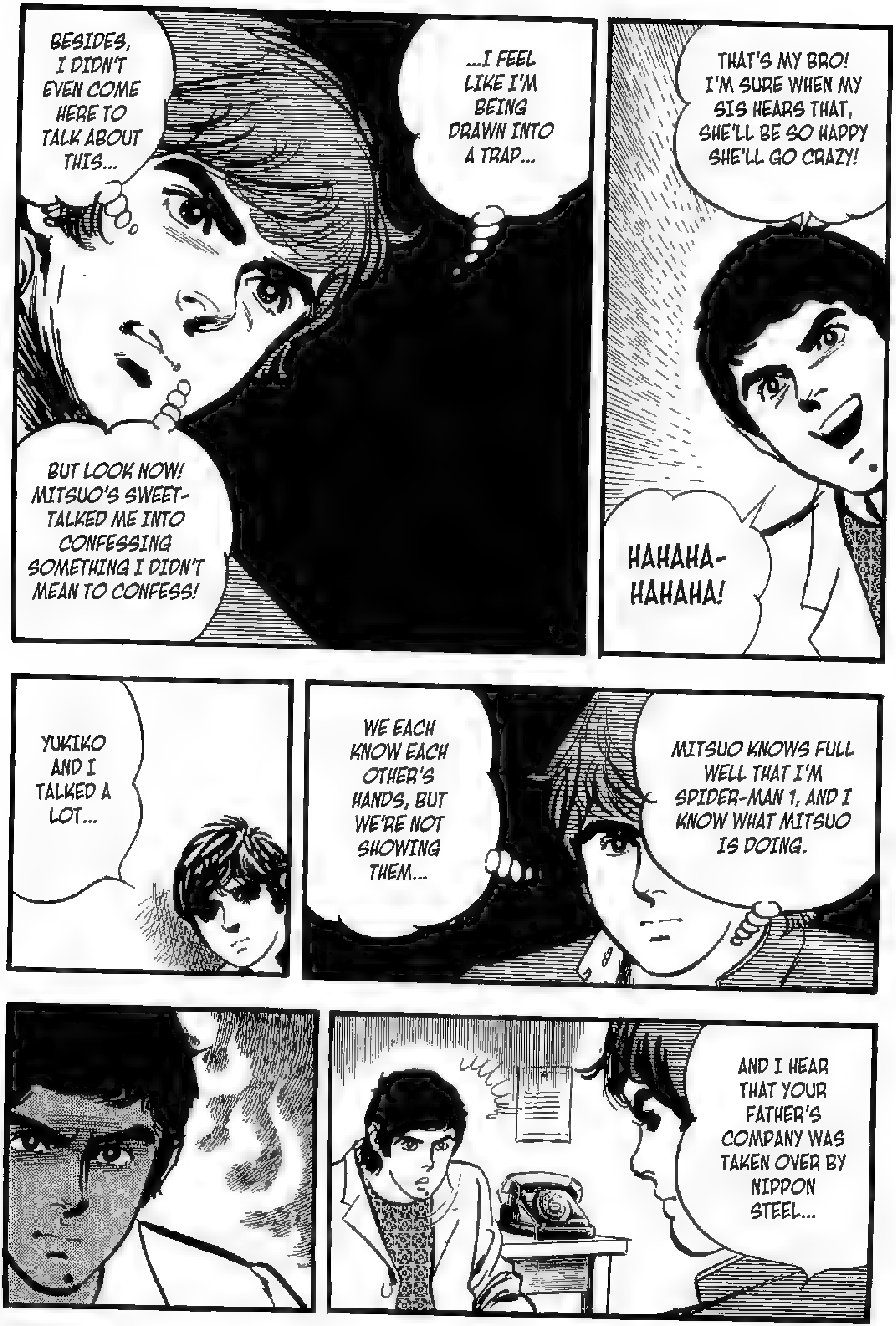
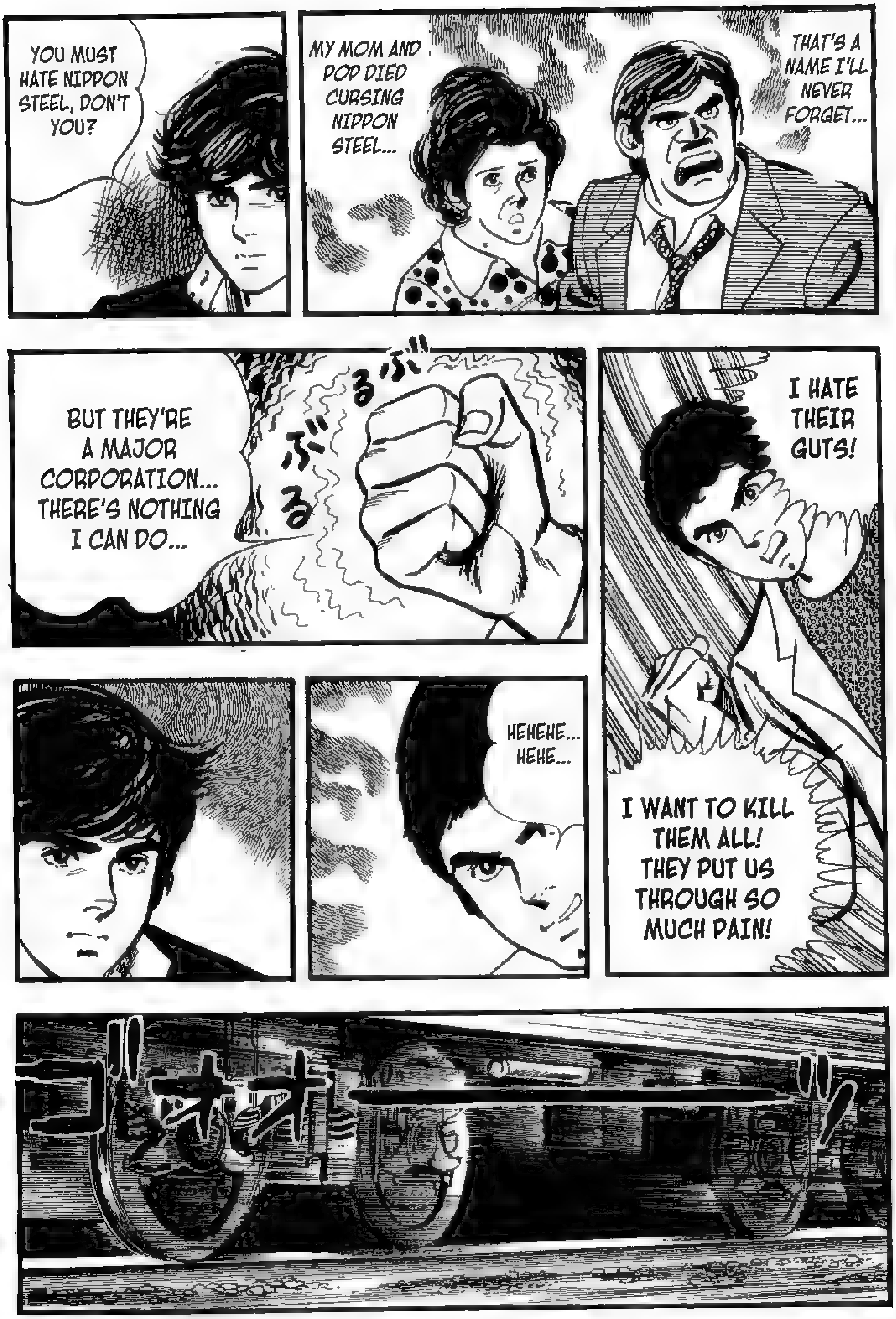
SHE'S NOT WORTHY OF A PURE MAN LIKE YOU... BECAUSE SHE'S WRETCHED AND FILTHY...
I DON'T THINK YUKIKO IS FILTHY.


WELL, JUST LISTEN TO THE REST.
AS HER LOVE FOR YOU GROWS STRONGER, THE WEIGHT IN HER HEART GETS HEAVIER... HER INFERIORITY IS JUST TOO HUGE, AND SHE'LL BACK OFF FOR THE SAKE OF THE MAN SHE LOVES...
BUT SHE WON'T EVEN HAVE THE WILL TO KEEP LIVING...
NO! YUKIKO WOULD NEVER DO THAT!
YOU'LL SEE SOON ENOUGH THAT WHETHER MY SIS LIVES OR DIES DEPENDS ON YOU...
NOT LIKE IT REALLY MATTERS MUCH. WHETHER ONE WOMAN LIVES OR DIES, IT'S THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE BOLDLY THAT WIN.
I LOVE YUKIKO...
I WANT TO SAVE YUKIKO. I'D DO ANYTHING FOR THAT!


THAT'S MY BRO! I'M SURE WHEN MY SIS HEARS THAT, SHE'LL BE SO HAPPY SHE'LL GO CRAZY!
HAHAHA-HAHAHA!
BESIDES, I DIDN'T EVEN COME HERE TO TALK ABOUT THIS...
BUT LOOK NOW! MITSUO'S SWEET-TALKED ME INTO CONFESSING SOMETHING I DIDN'T MEAN TO CONFESS!
...I FEEL LIKE I'M BEING DRAWN INTO A TRAP...
MITSUO KNOWS FULL WELL THAT I'M SPIDER-MAN 1, AND I KNOW WHAT MITSUO IS DOING.
WE EACH KNOW EACH OTHER'S HANDS, BUT WE'RE NOT SHOWING THEM...
YUKIKO AND I TALKED A LOT...
AND I HEAR THAT YOUR FATHER'S COMPANY WAS TAKEN OVER BY NIPPON STEEL...


YOU MUST HATE NIPPON STEEL, DON'T YOU?
MY MOM AND POP DIED CURSING NIPPON STEEL...
THAT'S A NAME I'LL NEVER FORGET...
BUT THEY'RE A MAJOR CORPORATION... THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO...
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I HATE THEIR GUTS!
I WANT TO KILL THEM ALL! THEY PUT US THROUGH SO MUCH PAIN!
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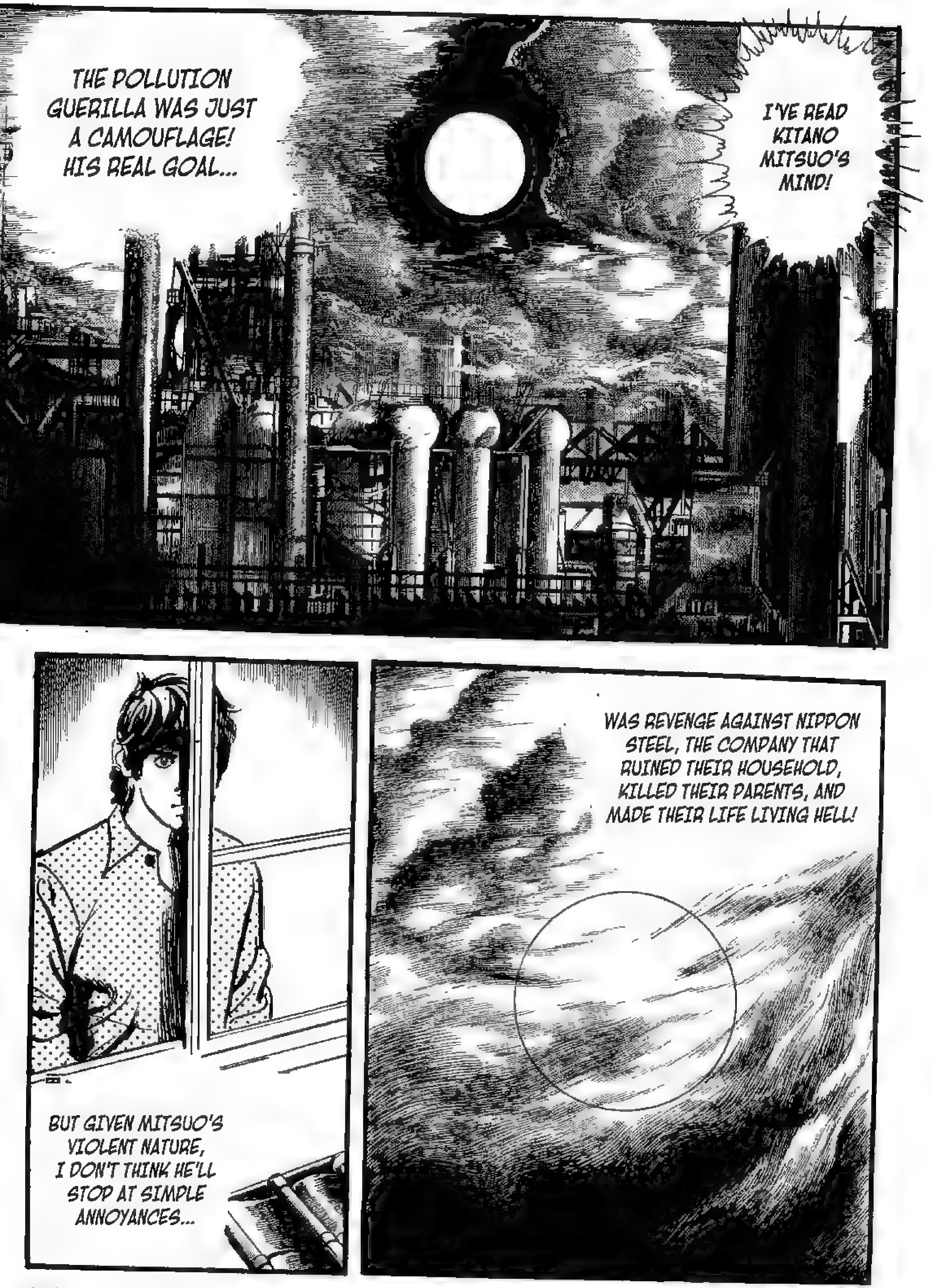
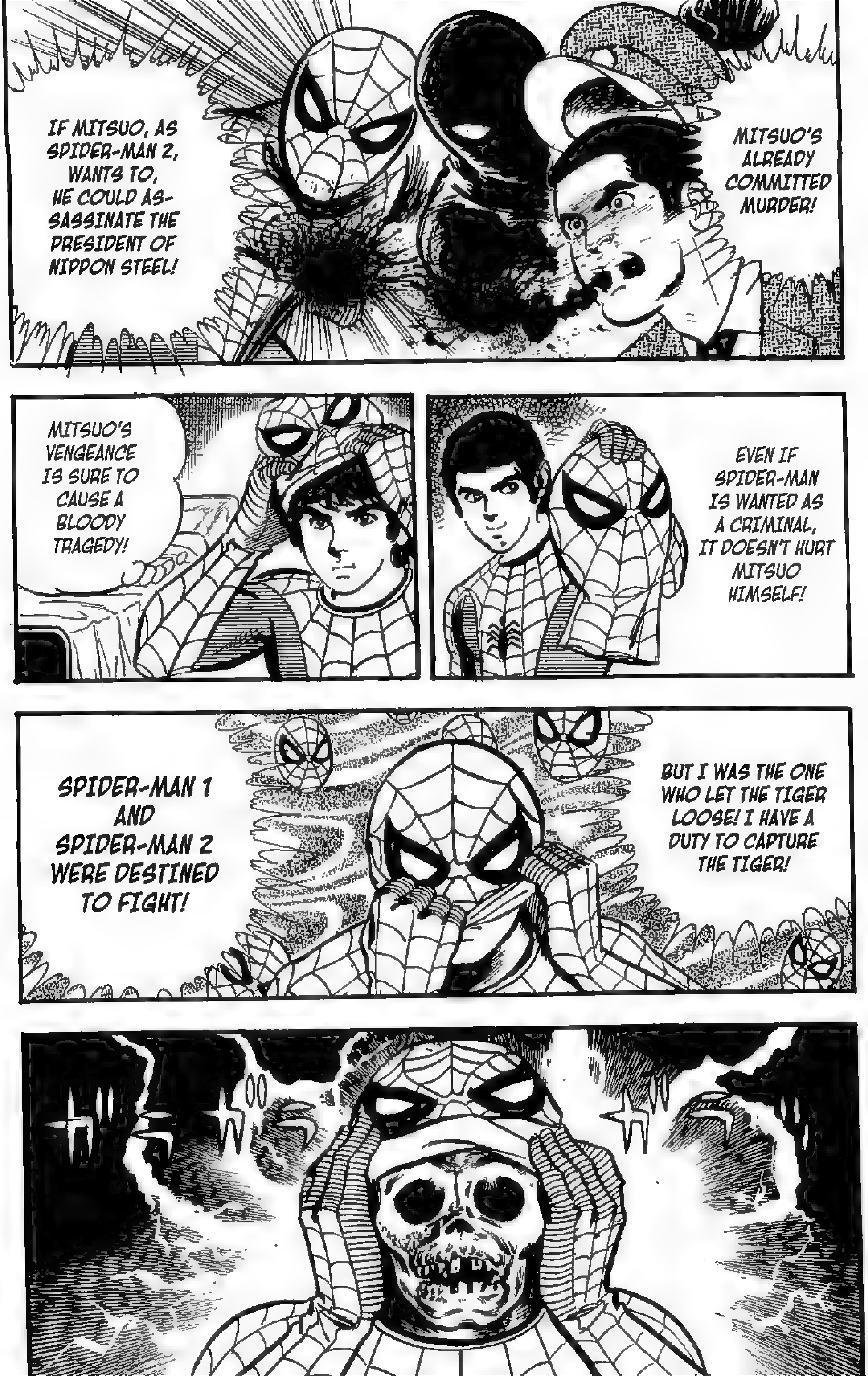
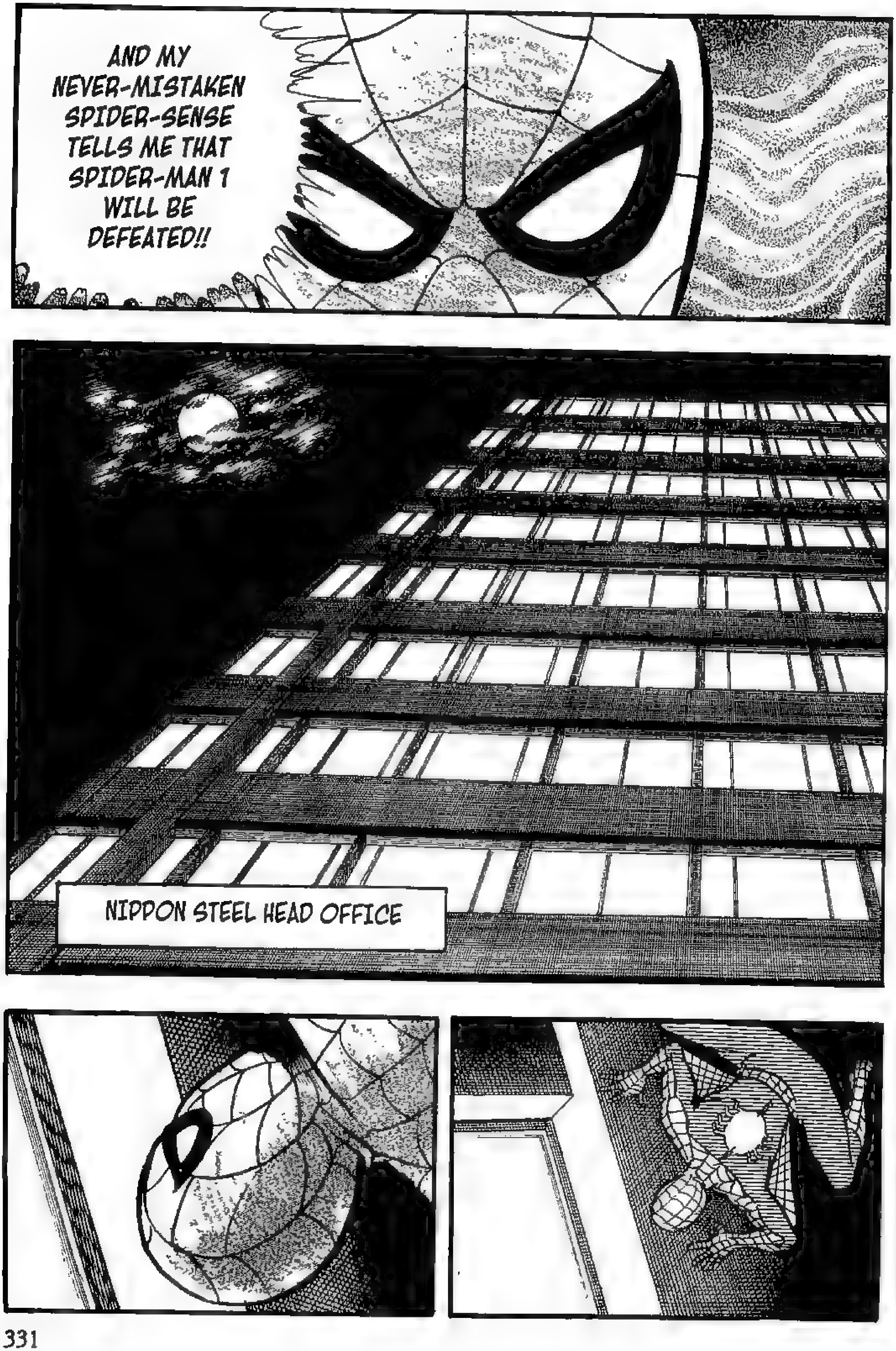
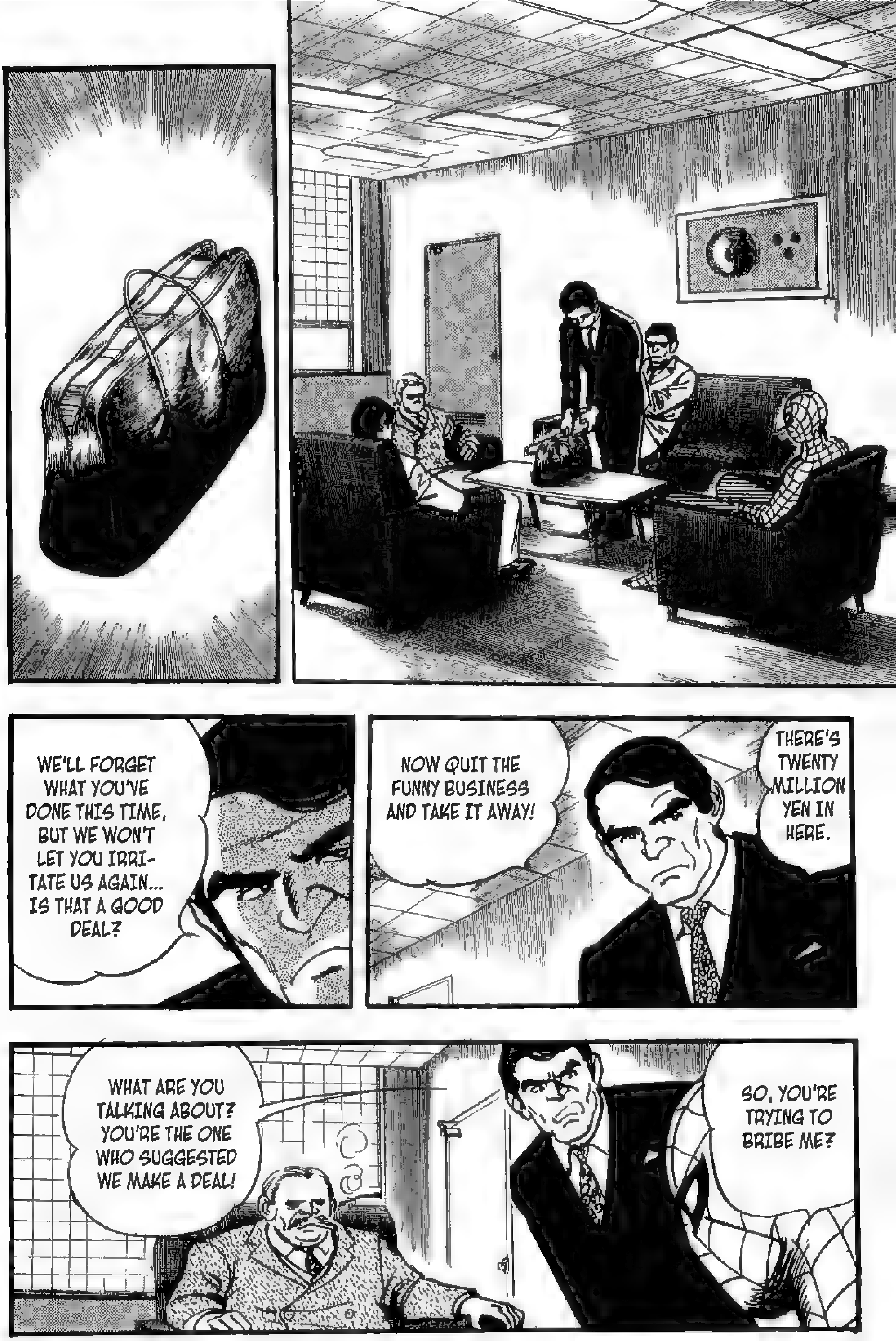
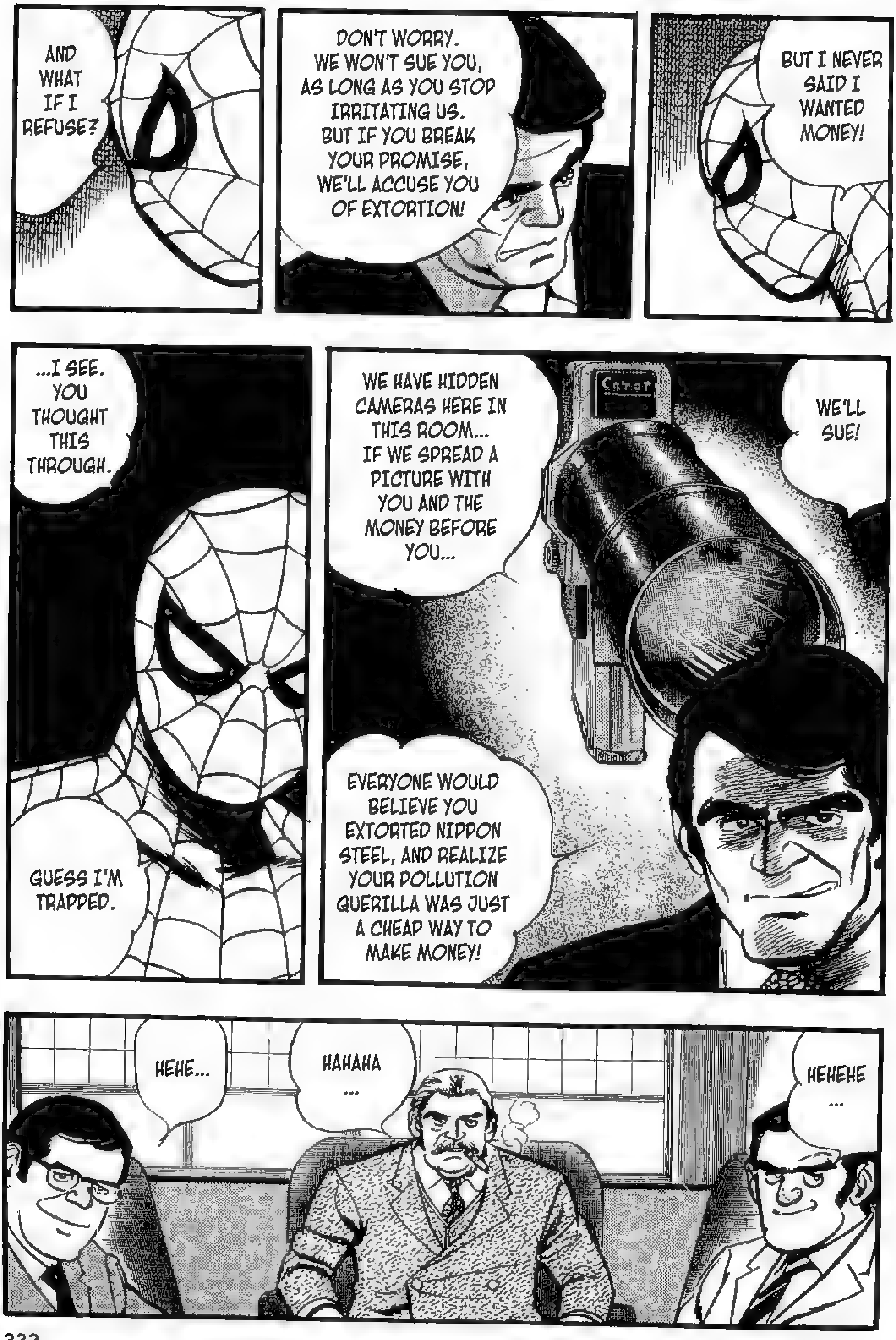

I'VE READ KITANO MITSUO'S MIND!
THE POLLUTION GUERILLA WAS JUST A CAMOUFLAGE! HIS REAL GOAL...
WAS REVENGE AGAINST NIPPON STEEL, THE COMPANY THAT RUINED THEIR HOUSEHOLD, KILLED THEIR PARENTS, AND MADE THEIR LIFE LIVING HELL!
BUT GIVEN MITSUO'S VIOLENT NATURE, I DON'T THINK HE'LL STOP AT SIMPLE ANNOYANCES...


IF MITSUO, AS SPIDER-MAN 2, WANTS TO, HE COULD ASSASSINATE THE PRESIDENT OF NIPPON STEEL!
MITSUO'S ALREADY COMMITTED MURDER!
MITSUO'S VENGEANCE IS SURE TO CAUSE A BLOODY TRAGEDY!
EVEN IF SPIDER-MAN IS WANTED AS A CRIMINAL, IT DOESN'T HURT MITSUO HIMSELF!
SPIDER-MAN 1 AND SPIDER-MAN 2 WERE DESTINED TO FIGHT!
BUT I WAS THE ONE WHO LET THE TIGER LOOSE! I HAVE A DUTY TO CAPTURE THE TIGER!


AND MY NEVER-MISTAKEN SPIDER-SENSE TELLS ME THAT SPIDER-MAN 1 WILL BE DEFEATED!!
NIPPON STEEL HEAD OFFICE


THERE'S TWENTY MILLION YEN IN HERE.
NOW QUIT THE FUNNY BUSINESS AND TAKE IT AWAY!
WE'LL FORGET WHAT YOU'VE DONE THIS TIME, BUT WE WON'T LET YOU IRRITATE US AGAIN... IS THAT A GOOD DEAL?
SO, YOU'RE TRYING TO BRIBE ME?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SUGGESTED WE MAKE A DEAL!


AND WHAT IF I REFUSE?
DON'T WORRY. WE WON'T SUE YOU, AS LONG AS YOU STOP IRRITATING US. BUT IF YOU BREAK YOUR PROMISE, WE'LL ACCUSE YOU OF EXTORTION!
BUT I NEVER SAID I WANTED MONEY!
WE HAVE HIDDEN CAMERAS HERE IN THIS ROOM... IF WE SPREAD A PICTURE WITH YOU AND THE MONEY BEFORE YOU...
WE'LL SUE!
EVERYONE WOULD BELIEVE YOU EXTORTED NIPPON STEEL, AND REALIZE YOUR POLLUTION GUERILLA WAS JUST A CHEAP WAY TO MAKE MONEY!
...I SEE. YOU THOUGHT THIS THROUGH.
GUESS I'M TRAPPED.
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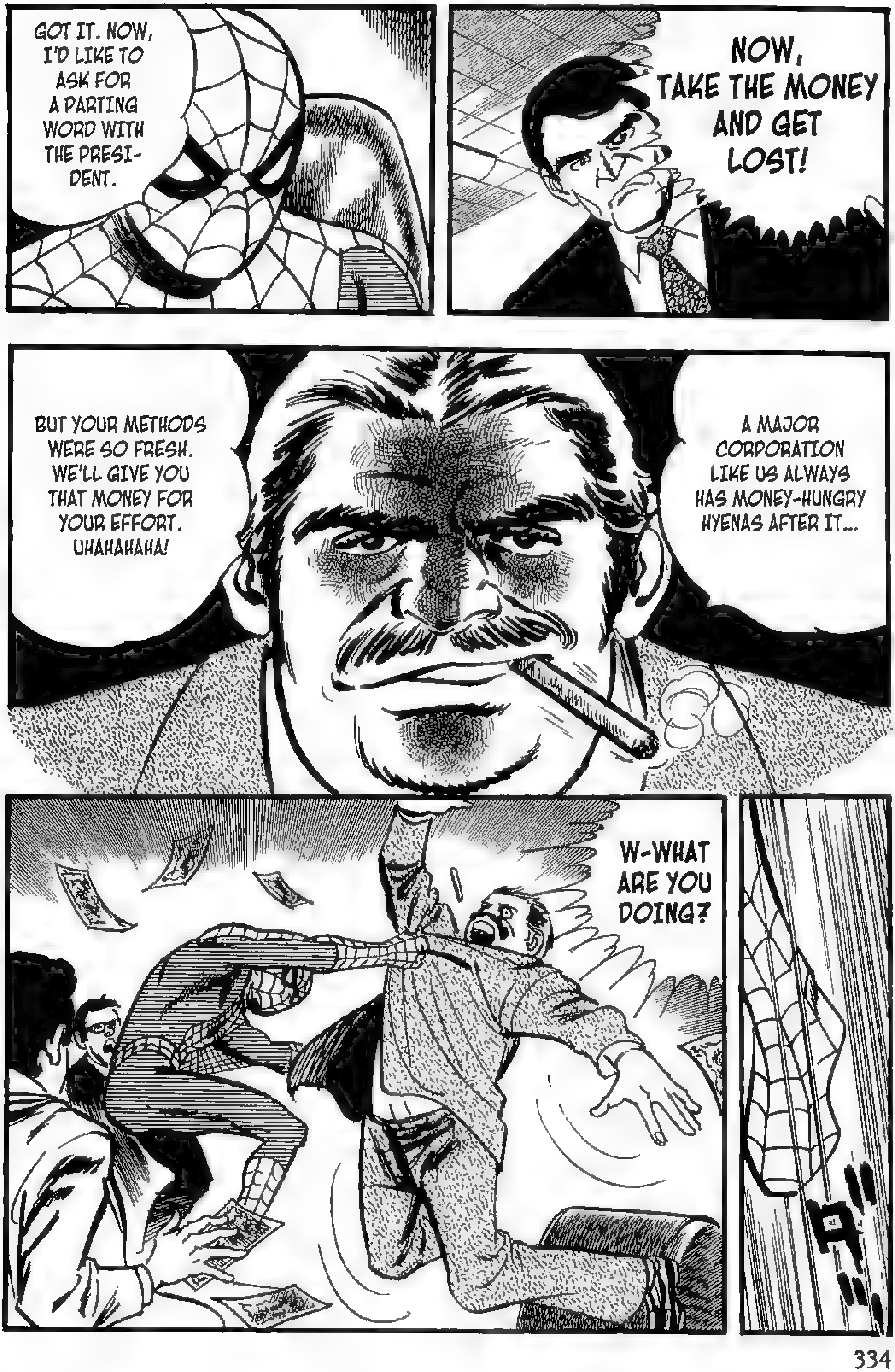
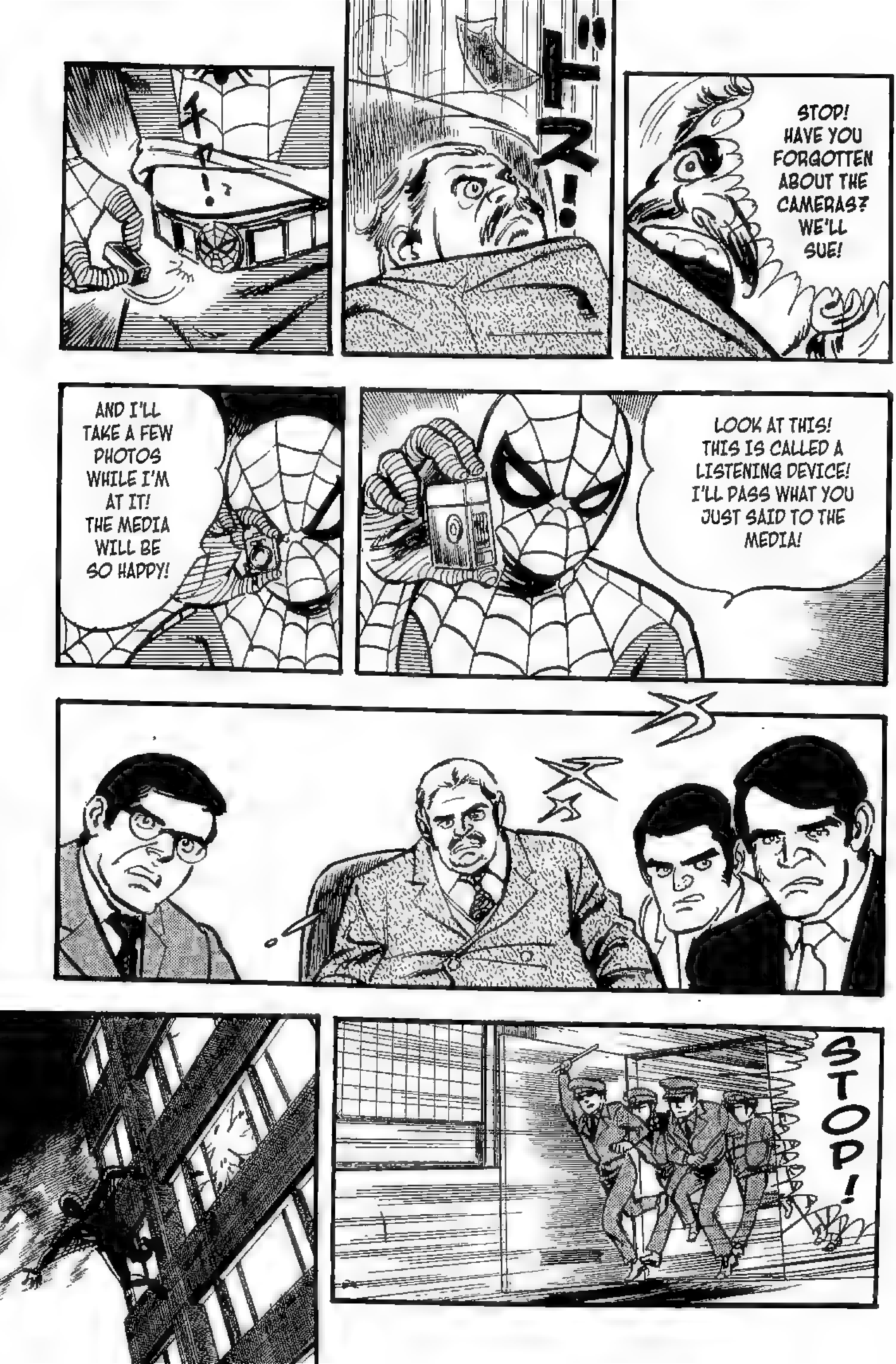
HEHEHE ...


NOW, TAKE THE MONEY AND GET LOST!
GOT IT. NOW, I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR A PARTING WORD WITH THE PRESIDENT.
A MAJOR CORPORATION LIKE US ALWAYS HAS MONEY-HUNGRY HYENAS AFTER IT...
BUT YOUR METHODS WERE SO FRESH. WE'LL GIVE YOU THAT MONEY FOR YOUR EFFORT. UHAHAHAHA!
W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?


STOP! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE CAMERAS? WE'LL SUE!
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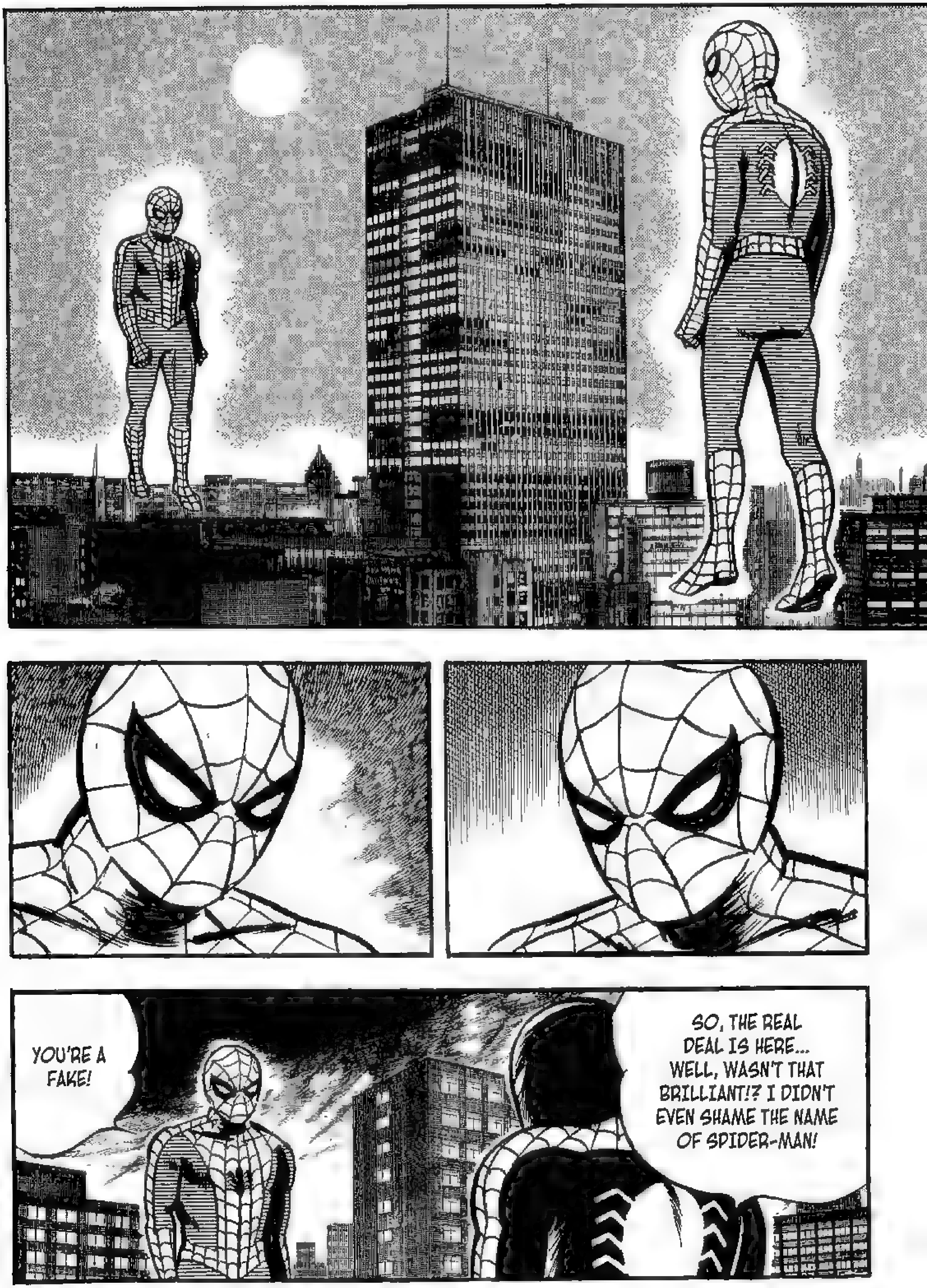
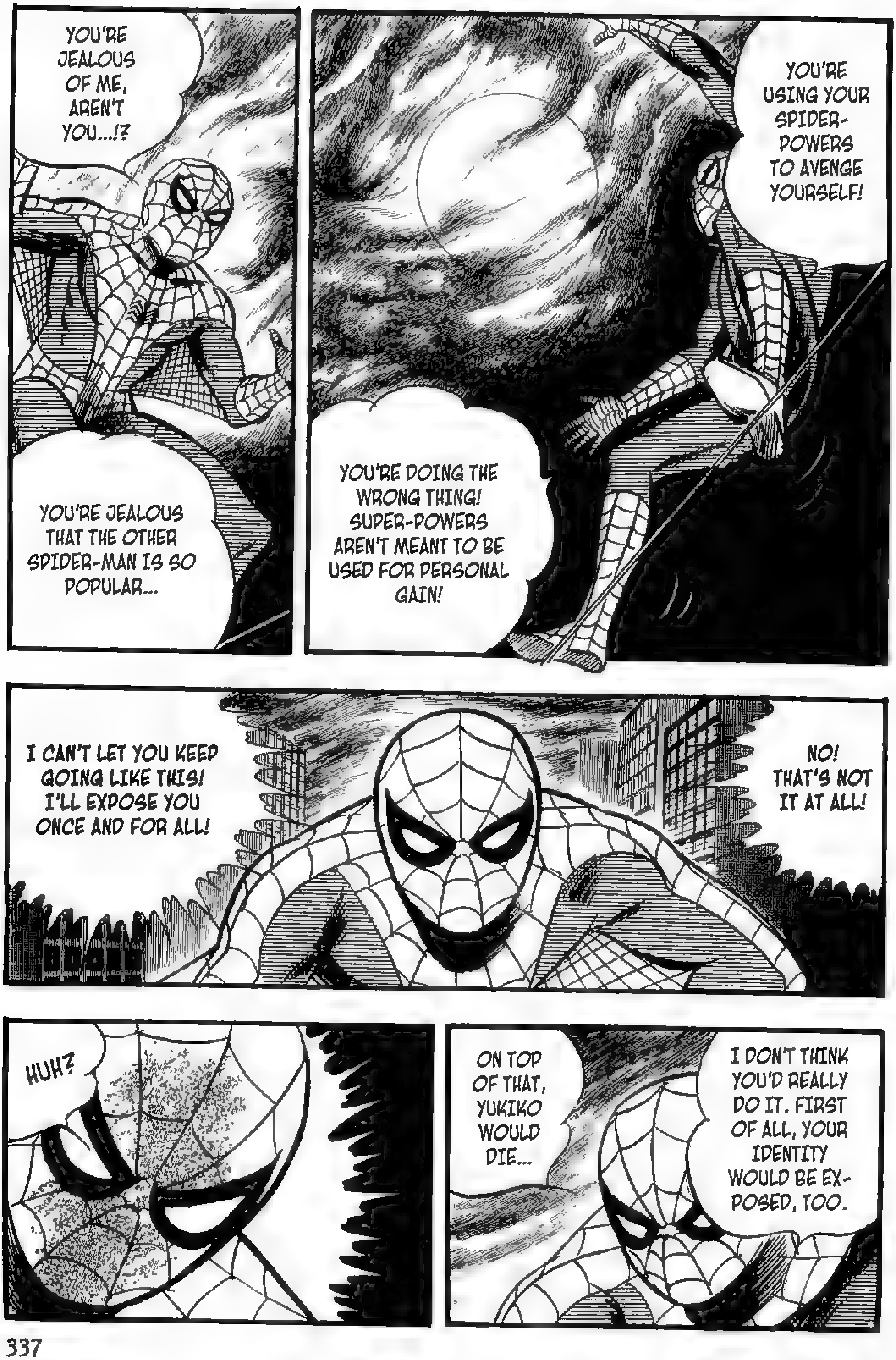
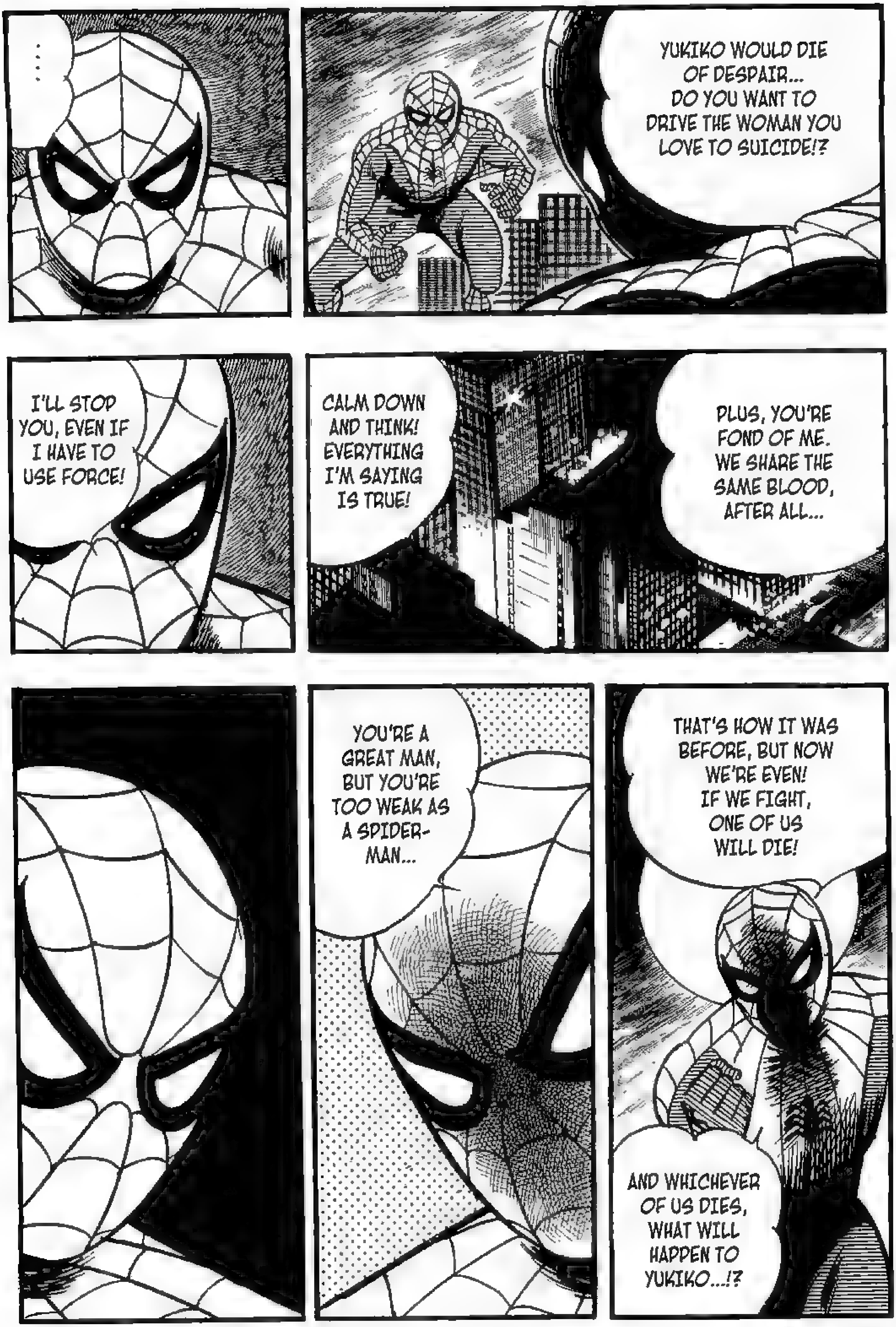
LOOK AT THIS! THIS IS CALLED A LISTENING DEVICE! I'LL PASS WHAT YOU JUST SAID TO THE MEDIA!
AND I'LL TAKE A FEW PHOTOS WHILE I'M AT IT! THE MEDIA WILL BE SO HAPPY!
STOP!


YOU'RE A FAKE!
SO, THE REAL DEAL IS HERE... WELL, WASN'T THAT BRILLIANT!? I DIDN'T EVEN SHAME THE NAME OF SPIDER-MAN!


YOU'RE JEALOUS OF ME, AREN'T YOU...!?
YOU'RE JEALOUS THAT THE OTHER SPIDER-MAN IS SO POPULAR...
YOU'RE USING YOUR SPIDER-POWERS TO AVENGE YOURSELF!
YOU'RE DOING THE WRONG THING! SUPER-POWERS AREN'T MEANT TO BE USED FOR PERSONAL GAIN!
I CAN'T LET YOU KEEP GOING LIKE THIS! I'LL EXPOSE YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL!
NO! THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL!
HUH?
I DON'T THINK YOU'D REALLY DO IT. FIRST OF ALL, YOUR IDENTITY WOULD BE EXPOSED, TOO.
ON TOP OF THAT, YUKIKO WOULD DIE...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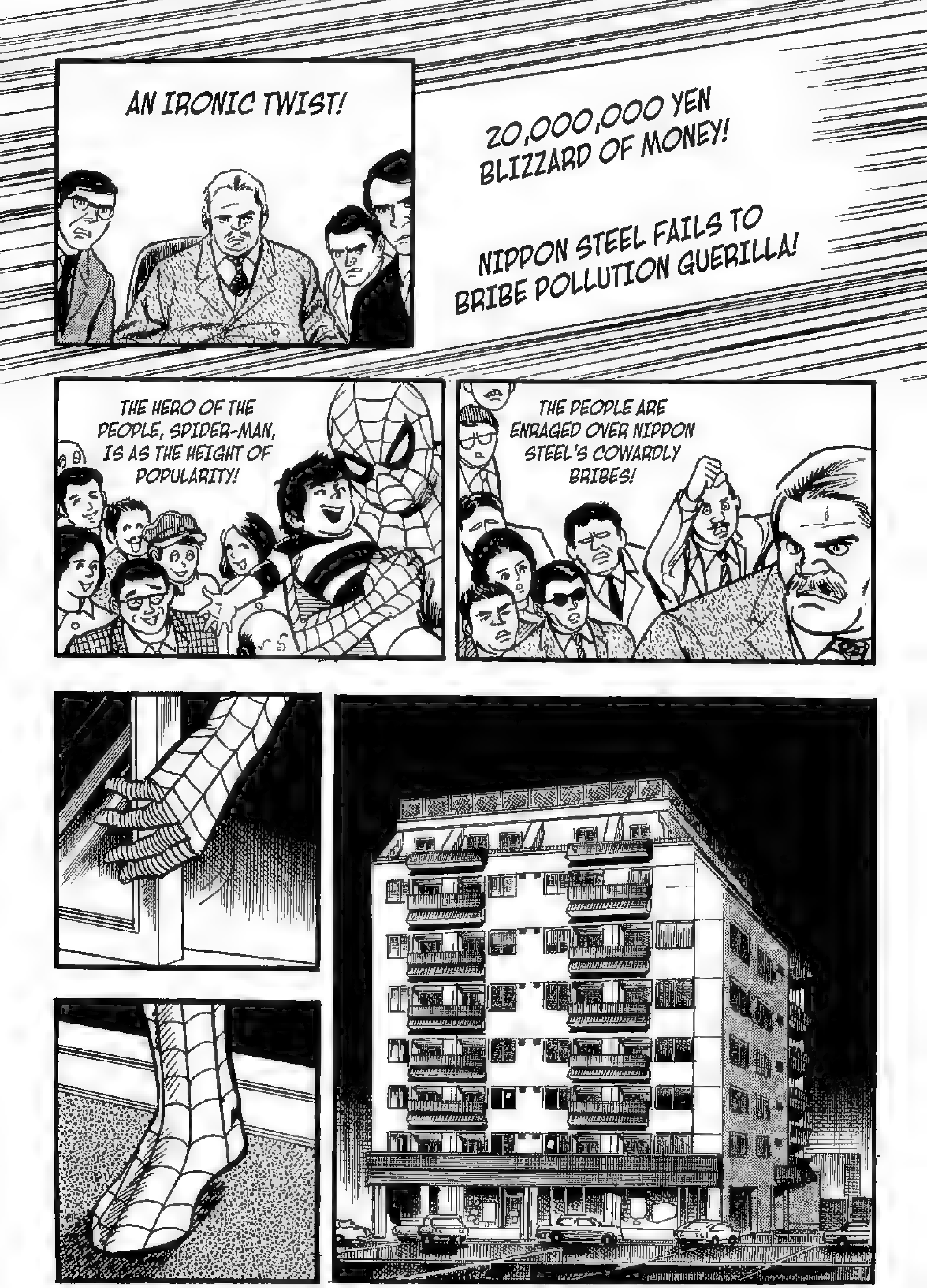
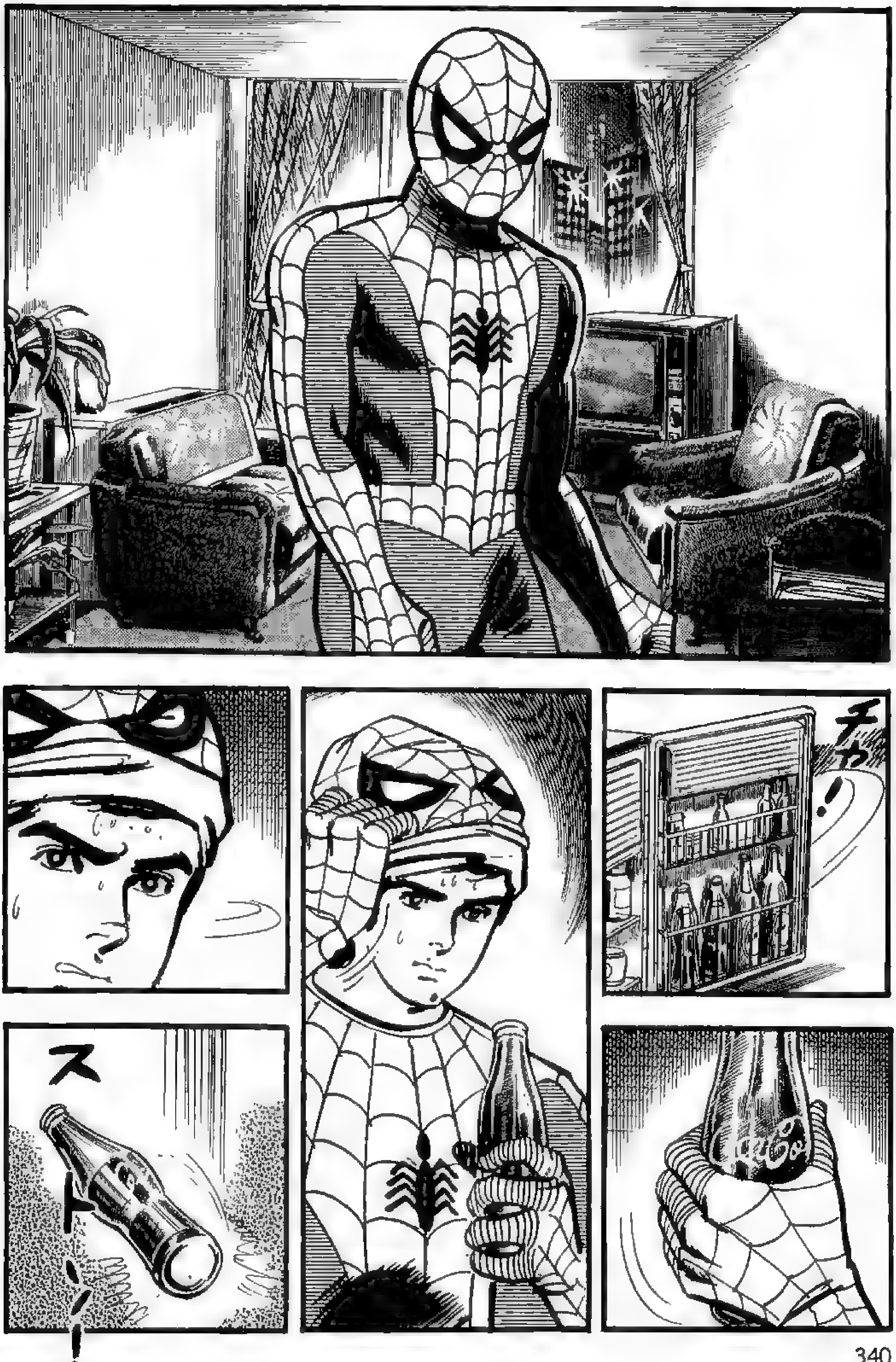
YUKIKO WOULD DIE OF DESPAIR... DO YOU WANT TO DRIVE THE WOMAN YOU LOVE TO SUICIDE!?
I'LL STOP YOU, EVEN IF I HAVE TO USE FORCE!
CALM DOWN AND THINK! EVERYTHING I'M SAYING IS TRUE!
PLUS, YOU'RE FOND OF ME. WE SHARE THE SAME BLOOD, AFTER ALL...
YOU'RE A GREAT MAN, BUT YOU'RE TOO WEAK AS A SPIDER-MAN...
THAT'S HOW IT WAS BEFORE, BUT NOW WE'RE EVEN! IF WE FIGHT, ONE OF US WILL DIE!
AND WHICHEVER OF US DIES, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YUKIKO...!?


AN IRONIC TWIST!
20,000,000 YEN BLIZZARD OF MONEY!
NIPPON STEEL FAILS TO BRIBE POLLUTION GUERILLA!
THE HERO OF THE PEOPLE, SPIDER-MAN, IS AS THE HEIGHT OF POPULARITY!
THE PEOPLE ARE ENRAGED OVER NIPPON STEEL'S COWARDLY BRIBES!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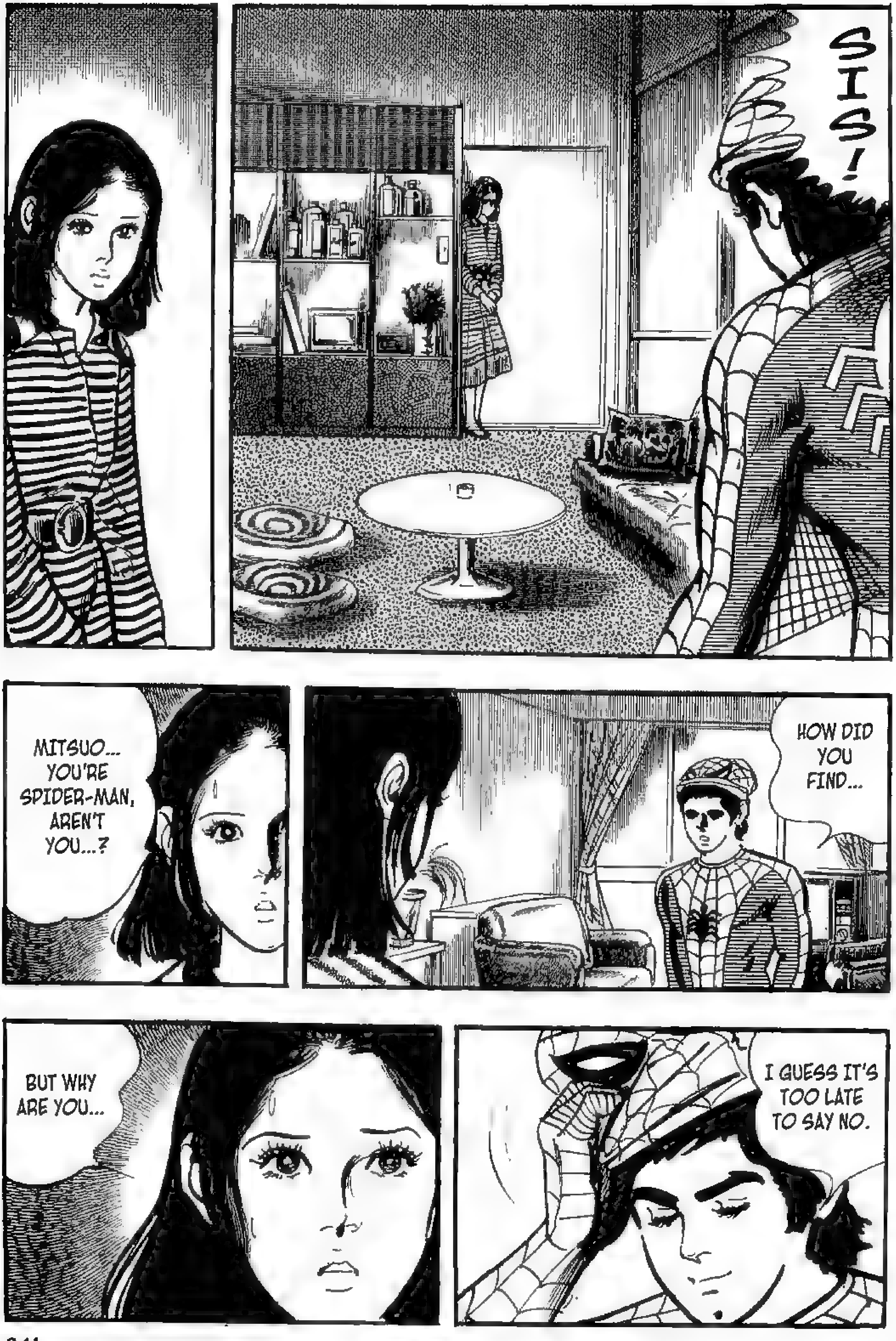
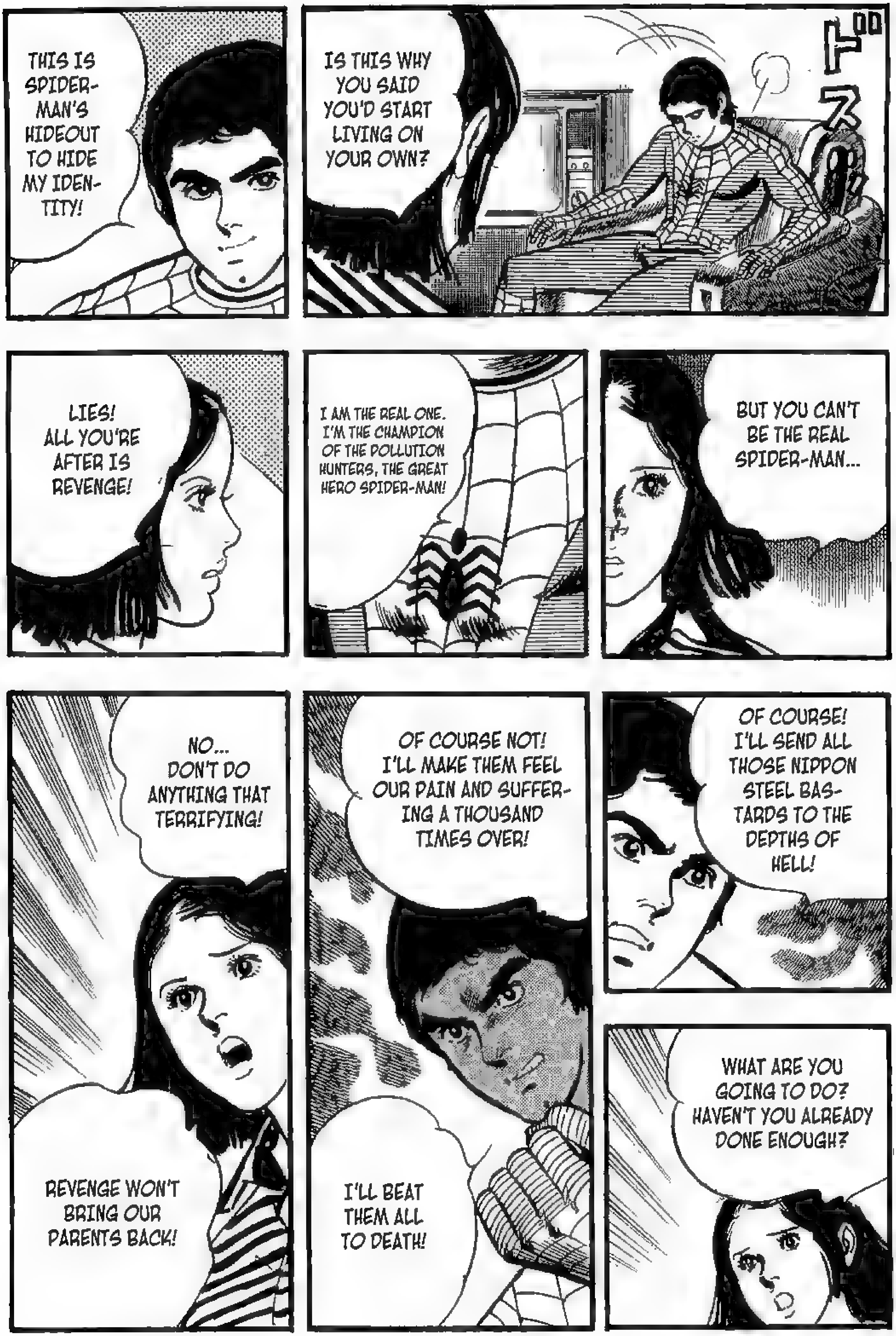

SIS!
MITSUO... YOU'RE SPIDER-MAN, AREN'T YOU...?
HOW DID YOU FIND...
BUT WHY ARE YOU...
I GUESS IT'S TOO LATE TO SAY NO.


IS THIS WHY YOU SAID YOU'D START LIVING ON YOUR OWN?
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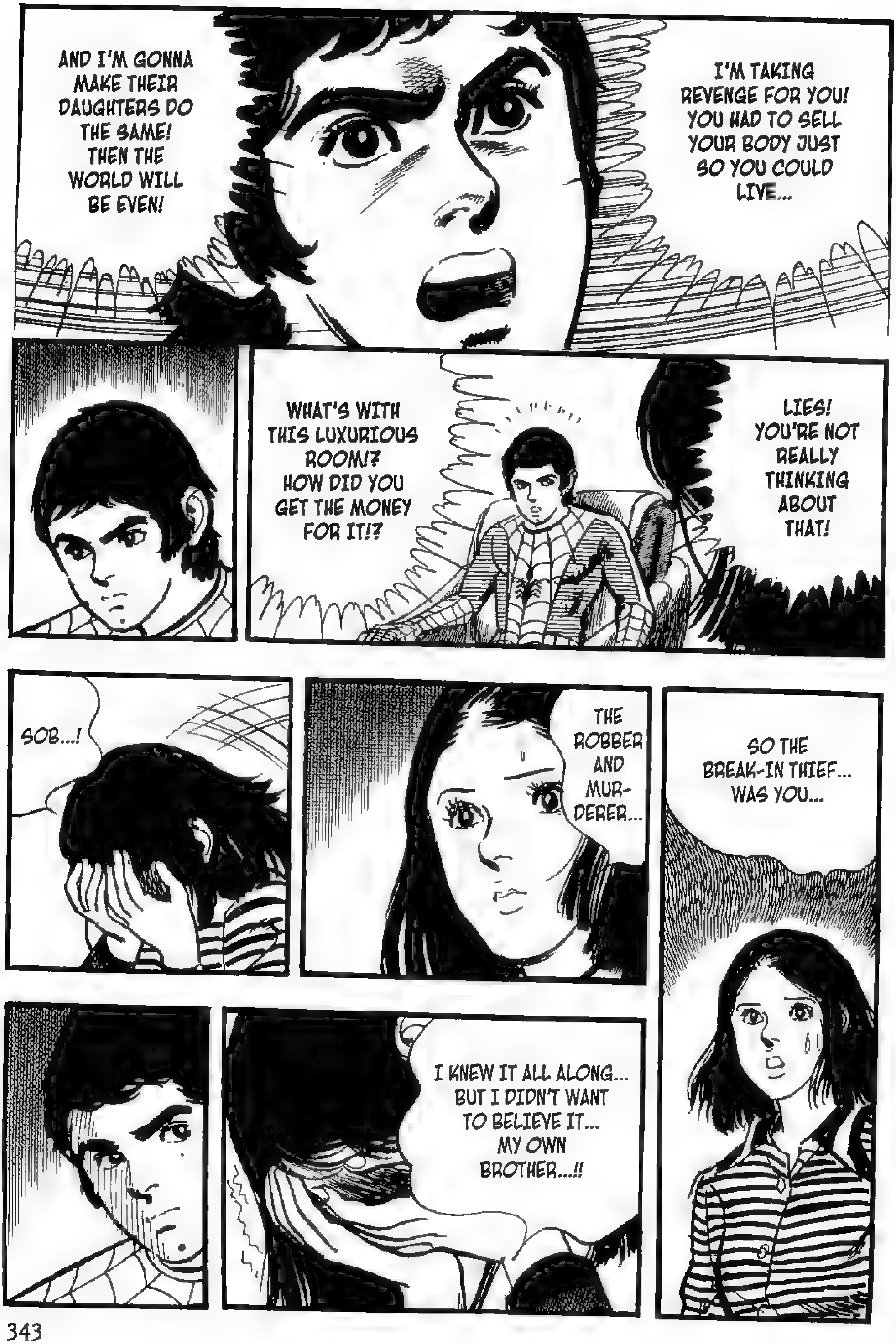
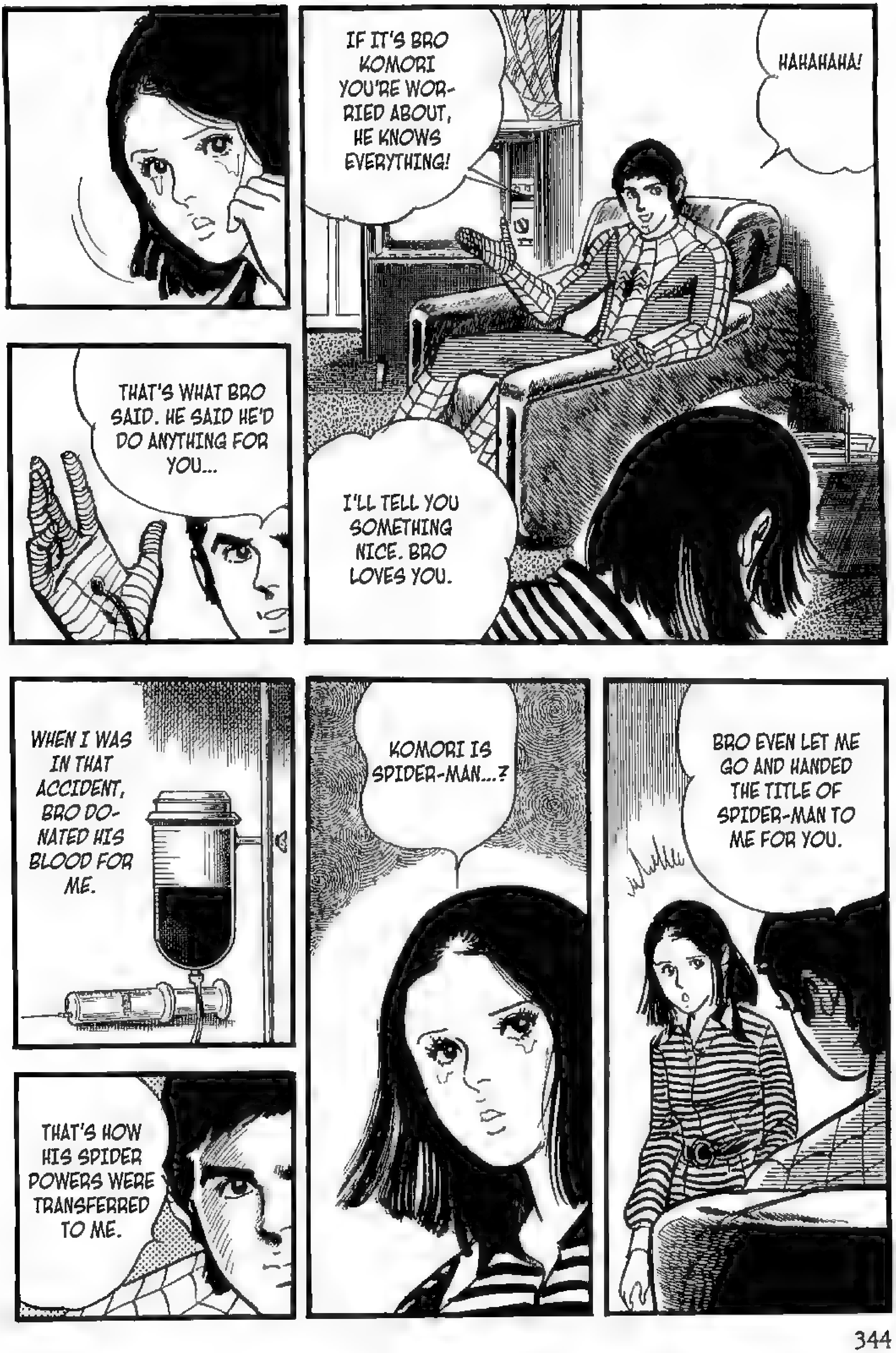
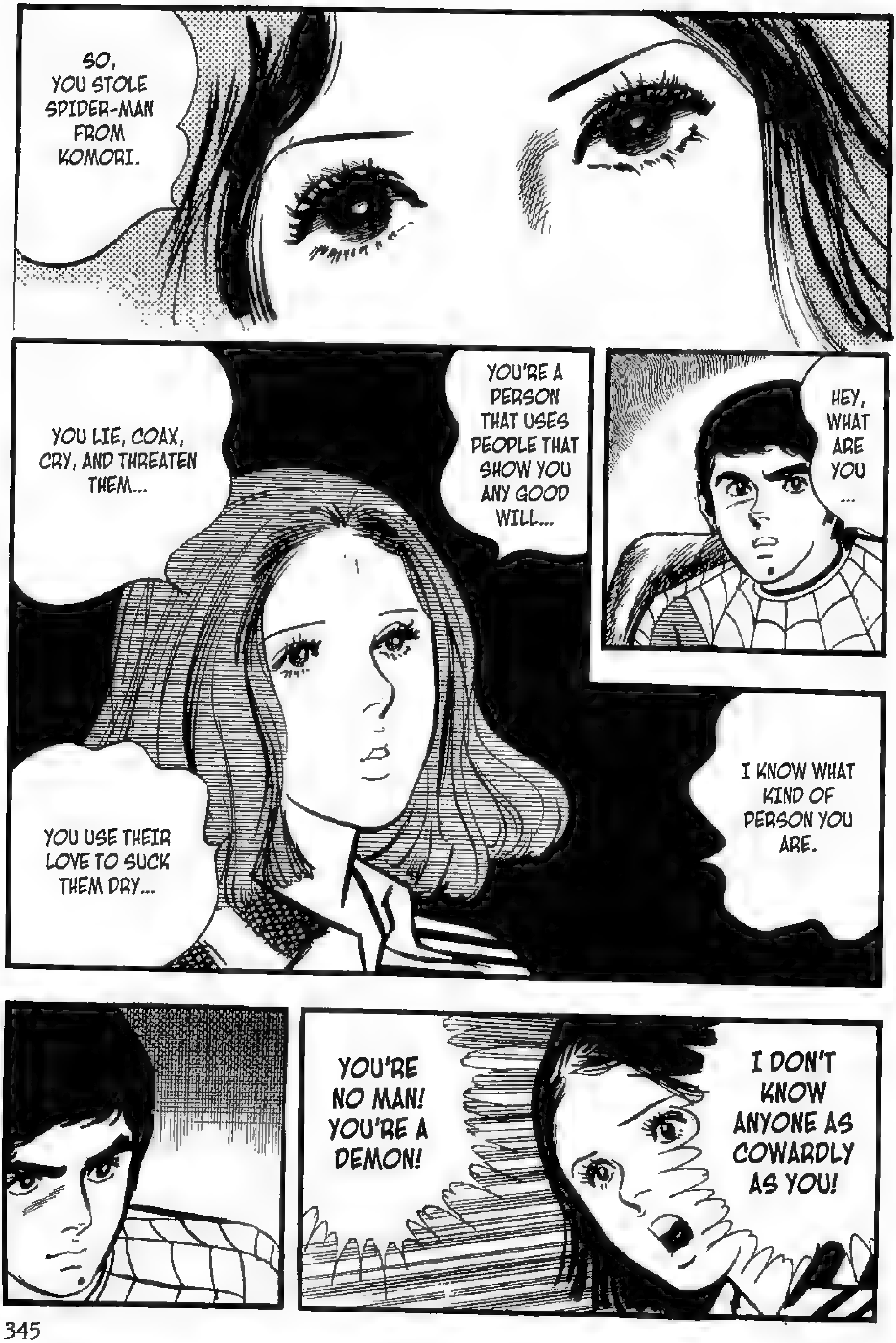
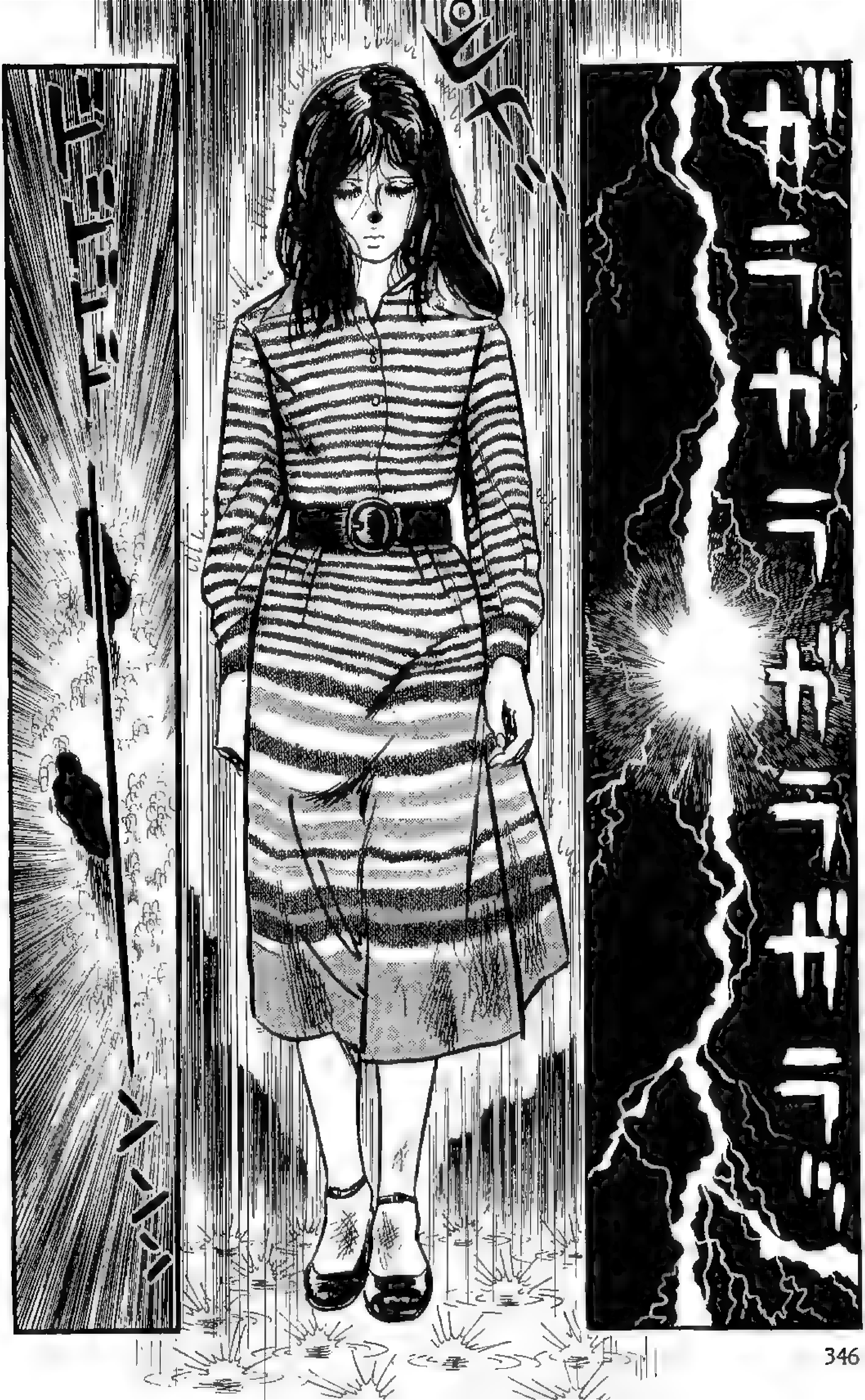
THIS IS SPIDER-MAN'S HIDEOUT TO HIDE MY IDENTITY!
BUT YOU CAN'T BE THE REAL SPIDER-MAN...
I AM THE REAL ONE. I'M THE CHAMPION OF THE POLLUTION HUNTERS, THE GREAT HERO SPIDER-MAN!
LIES! ALL YOU'RE AFTER IS REVENGE!
OF COURSE! I'LL SEND ALL THOSE NIPPON STEEL BASTARDS TO THE DEPTHS OF HELL!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? HAVEN'T YOU ALREADY DONE ENOUGH?
OF COURSE NOT! I'LL MAKE THEM FEEL OUR PAIN AND SUFFERING A THOUSAND TIMES OVER!
I'LL BEAT THEM ALL TO DEATH!
NO... DON'T DO ANYTHING THAT TERRIFYING!
REVENGE WON'T BRING OUR PARENTS BACK!


I'M TAKING REVENGE FOR YOU! YOU HAD TO SELL YOUR BODY JUST SO YOU COULD LIVE...
AND I'M GONNA MAKE THEIR DAUGHTERS DO THE SAME! THEN THE WORLD WILL BE EVEN!
LIES! YOU'RE NOT REALLY THINKING ABOUT THAT!
WHAT'S WITH THIS LUXURIOUS ROOM!? HOW DID YOU GET THE MONEY FOR IT!?
SO THE BREAK-IN THIEF... WAS YOU...
THE ROBBER AND MURDERER...
SOB...!
I KNEW IT ALL ALONG... BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT... MY OWN BROTHER...!!


HAHAHAHA!
IF IT'S BRO KOMORI YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT, HE KNOWS EVERYTHING!
I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING NICE. BRO LOVES YOU.
THAT'S WHAT BRO SAID. HE SAID HE'D DO ANYTHING FOR YOU...
BRO EVEN LET ME GO AND HANDED THE TITLE OF SPIDER-MAN TO ME FOR YOU.
KOMORI IS SPIDER-MAN...?
WHEN I WAS IN THAT ACCIDENT, BRO DONATED HIS BLOOD FOR ME.
THAT'S HOW HIS SPIDER POWERS WERE TRANSFERRED TO ME.


SO, YOU STOLE SPIDER-MAN FROM KOMORI.
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU ...
I KNOW WHAT KIND OF PERSON YOU ARE.
YOU'RE A PERSON THAT USES PEOPLE THAT SHOW YOU ANY GOOD WILL...
YOU LIE, COAX, CRY, AND THREATEN THEM...
YOU USE THEIR LOVE TO SUCK THEM DRY...
I DON'T KNOW ANYONE AS COWARDLY AS YOU!
YOU'RE NO MAN! YOU'RE A DEMON!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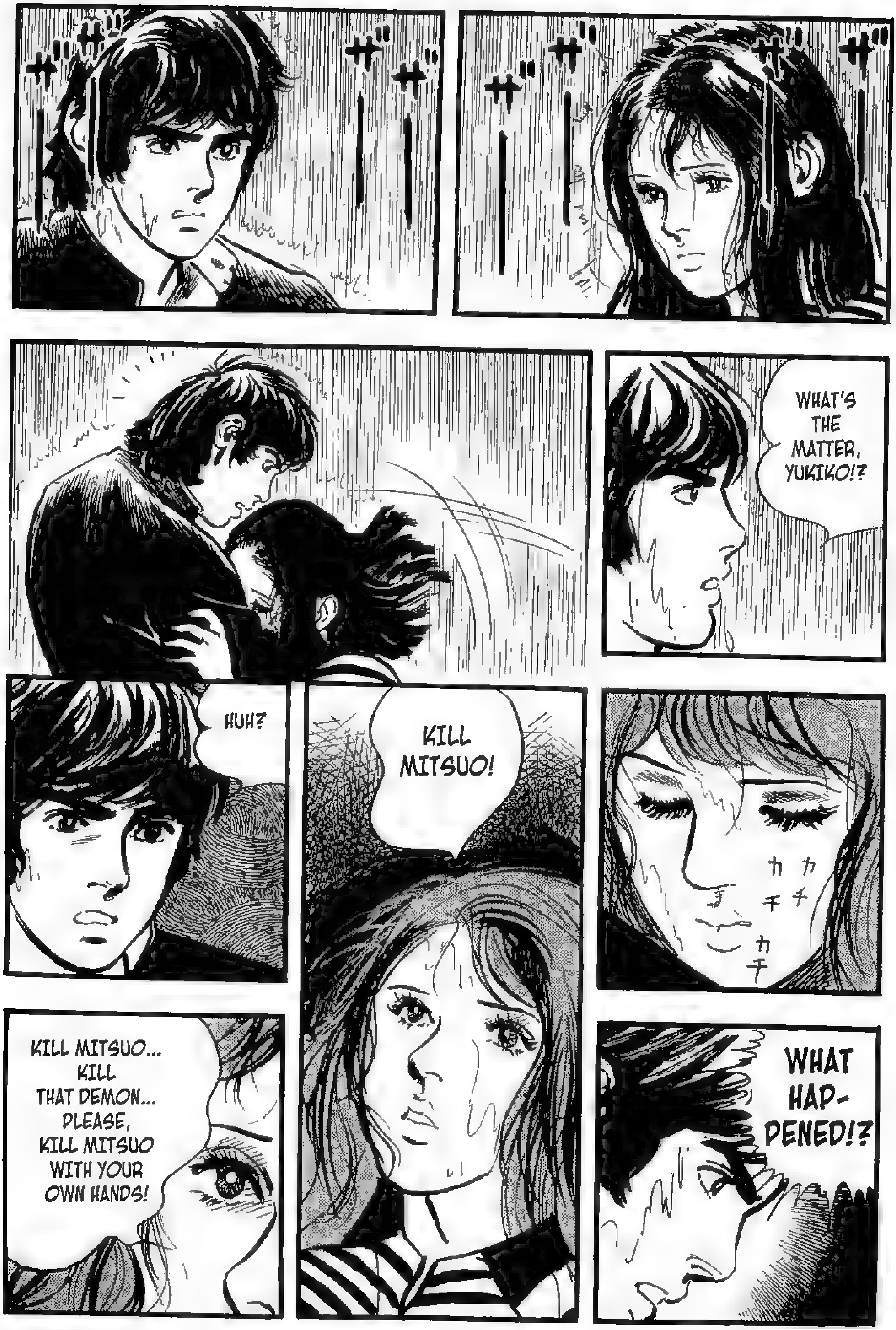
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WHAT'S THE MATTER, YUKIKO!?
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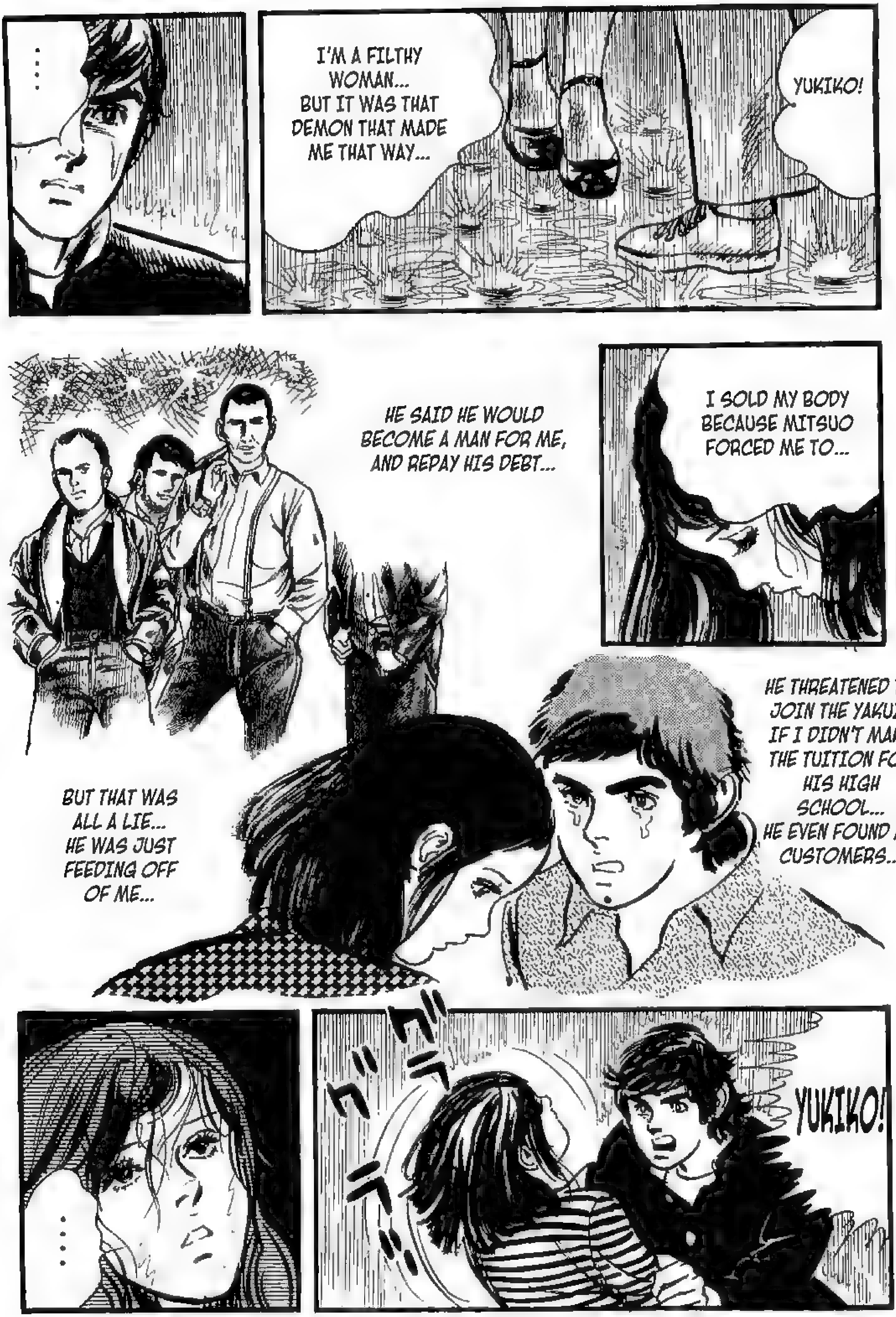
KILL MITSUO!
HUH?
WHAT HAP-PENED!?
KILL MITSUO... KILL THAT DEMON... PLEASE, KILL MITSUO WITH YOUR OWN HANDS!


YUKIKO!
I'M A FILTHY WOMAN... BUT IT WAS THAT DEMON THAT MADE ME THAT WAY...
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I SOLD MY BODY BECAUSE MITSUO FORCED ME TO...
HE SAID HE WOULD BECOME A MAN FOR ME, AND REPAY HIS DEBT...
HE THREATENED TO JOIN THE YAKUZA IF I DIDN'T MAKE THE TUITION FOR HIS HIGH SCHOOL... HE EVEN FOUND ME CUSTOMERS...
BUT THAT WAS ALL A LIE... HE WAS JUST FEEDING OFF OF ME...
YUKIKO!
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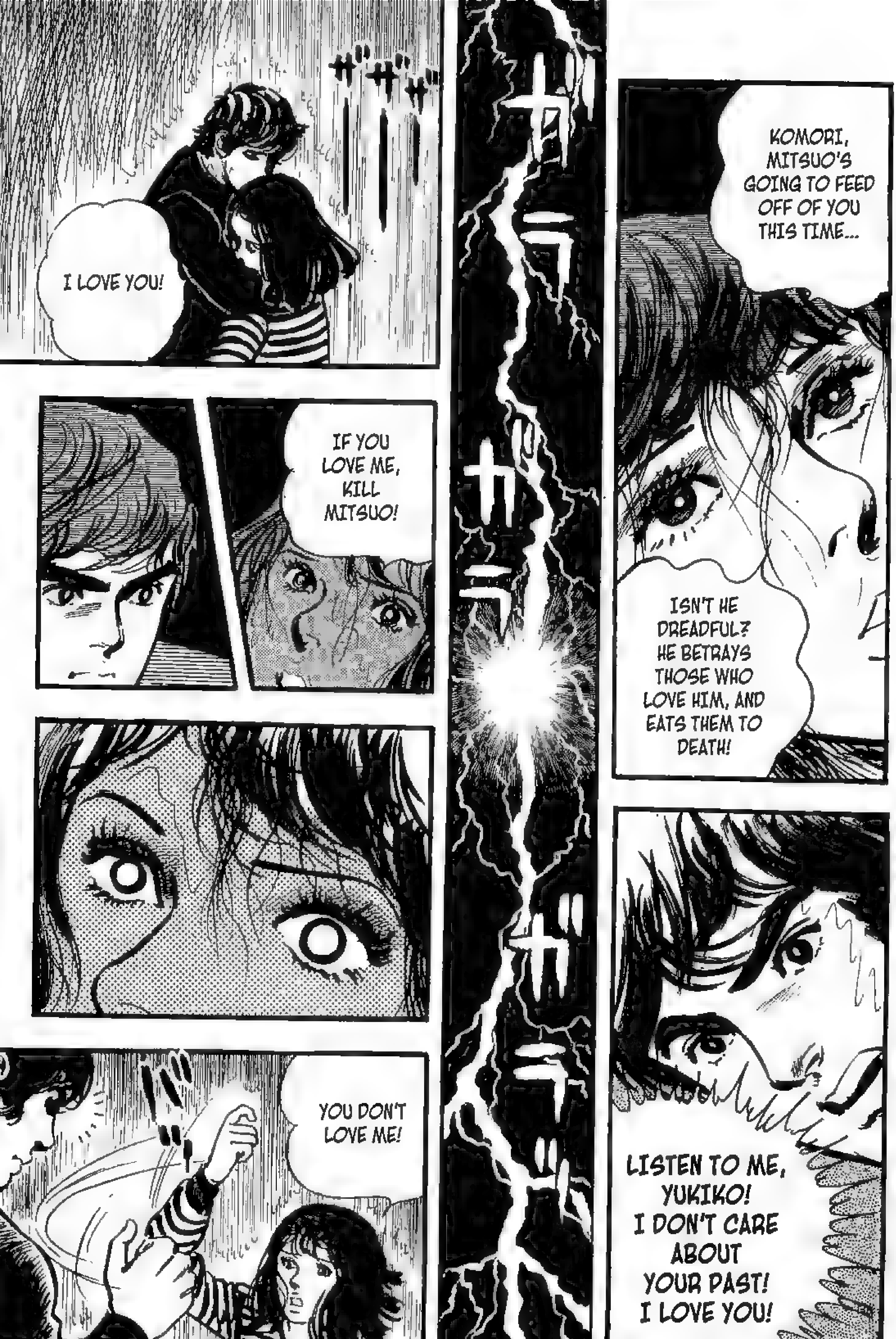
KOMORI, MITSUO'S GOING TO FEED OFF OF YOU THIS TIME...
ISN'T HE DREADFUL? HE BETRAYS THOSE WHO LOVE HIM, AND EATS THEM TO DEATH!
LISTEN TO ME, YUKIKO! I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR PAST! I LOVE YOU!
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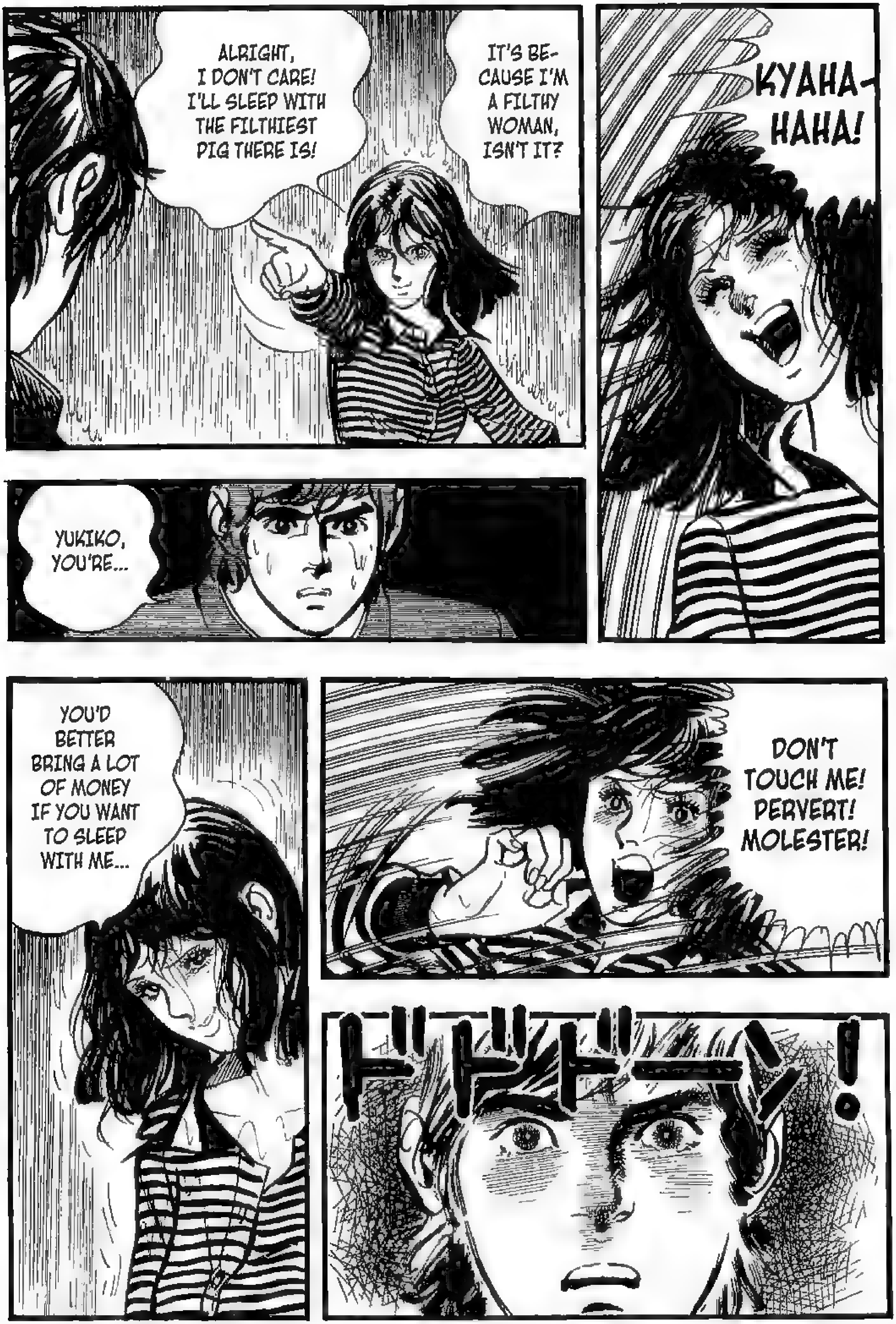
I LOVE YOU!
IF YOU LOVE ME, KILL MITSUO!
YOU DON'T LOVE ME!


IT'S BECAUSE I'M A FILTHY WOMAN, ISN'T IT?
ALRIGHT, I DON'T CARE! I'LL SLEEP WITH THE FILTHIEST PIG THERE IS!
KYAHA-HAHA!
YUKIKO, YOU'RE...
YOU'D BETTER BRING A LOT OF MONEY IF YOU WANT TO SLEEP WITH ME...
DON'T TOUCH ME! PERVERT! MOLESTER!
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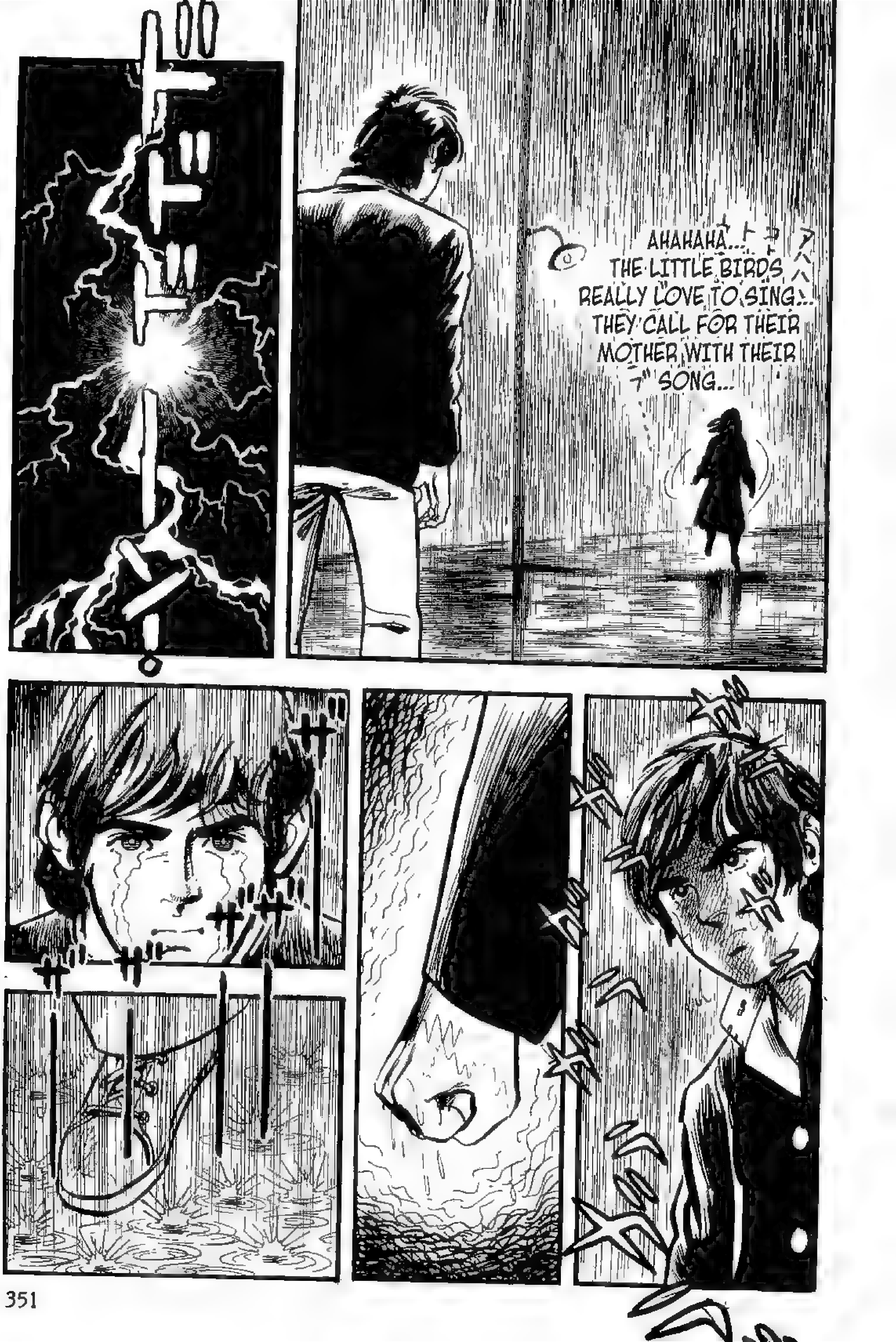
AHAHAHA...! THE LITTLE BIRDS REALLY LOVE TO SING... THEY CALL FOR THEIR MOTHER WITH THEIR SONG...

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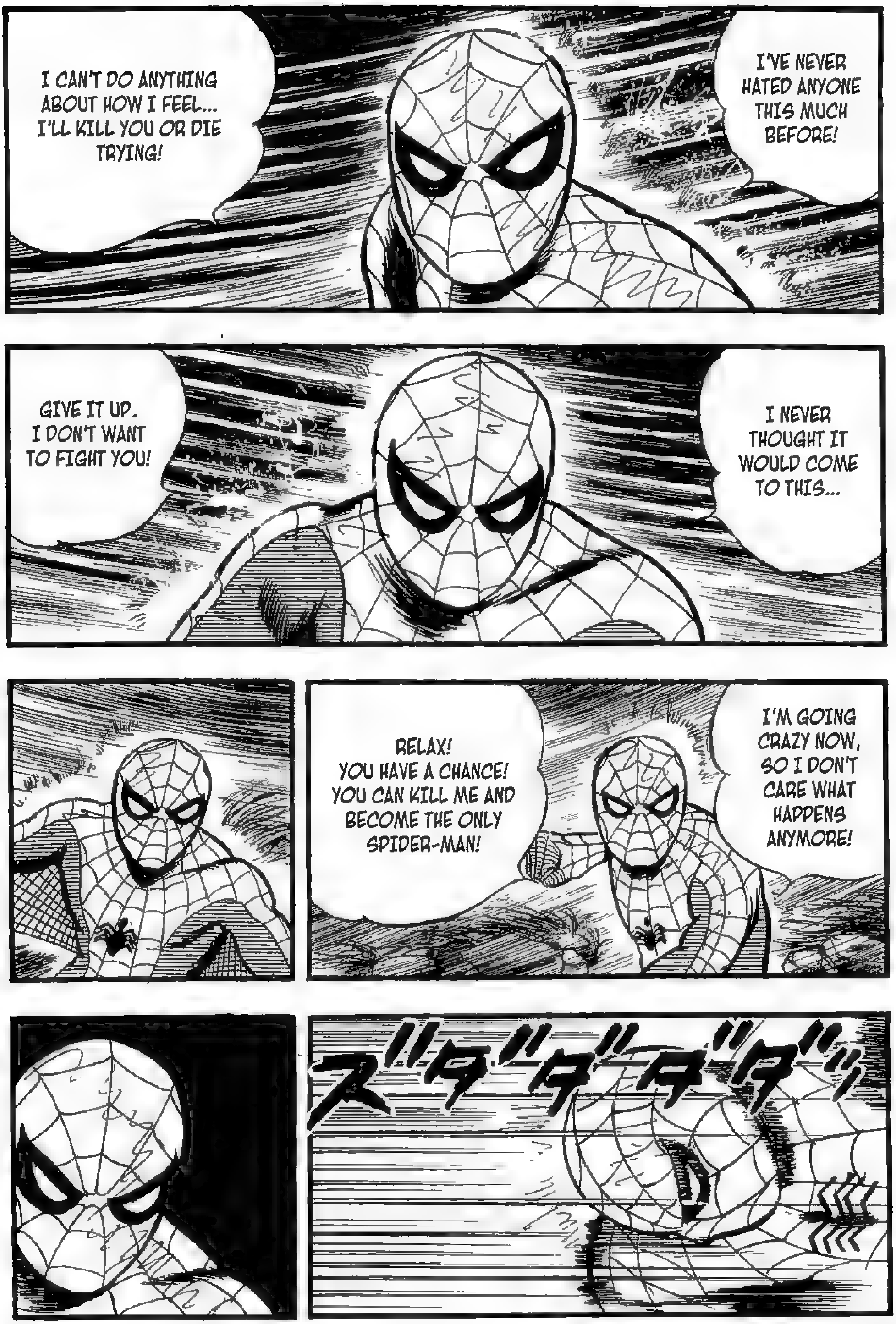
I'VE NEVER HATED ANYONE THIS MUCH BEFORE!
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT HOW I FEEL... I'LL KILL YOU OR DIE TRYING!
I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD COME TO THIS...
GIVE IT UP. I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU!
I'M GOING CRAZY NOW, SO I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS ANYMORE!
RELAX! YOU HAVE A CHANCE! YOU CAN KILL ME AND BECOME THE ONLY SPIDER-MAN!
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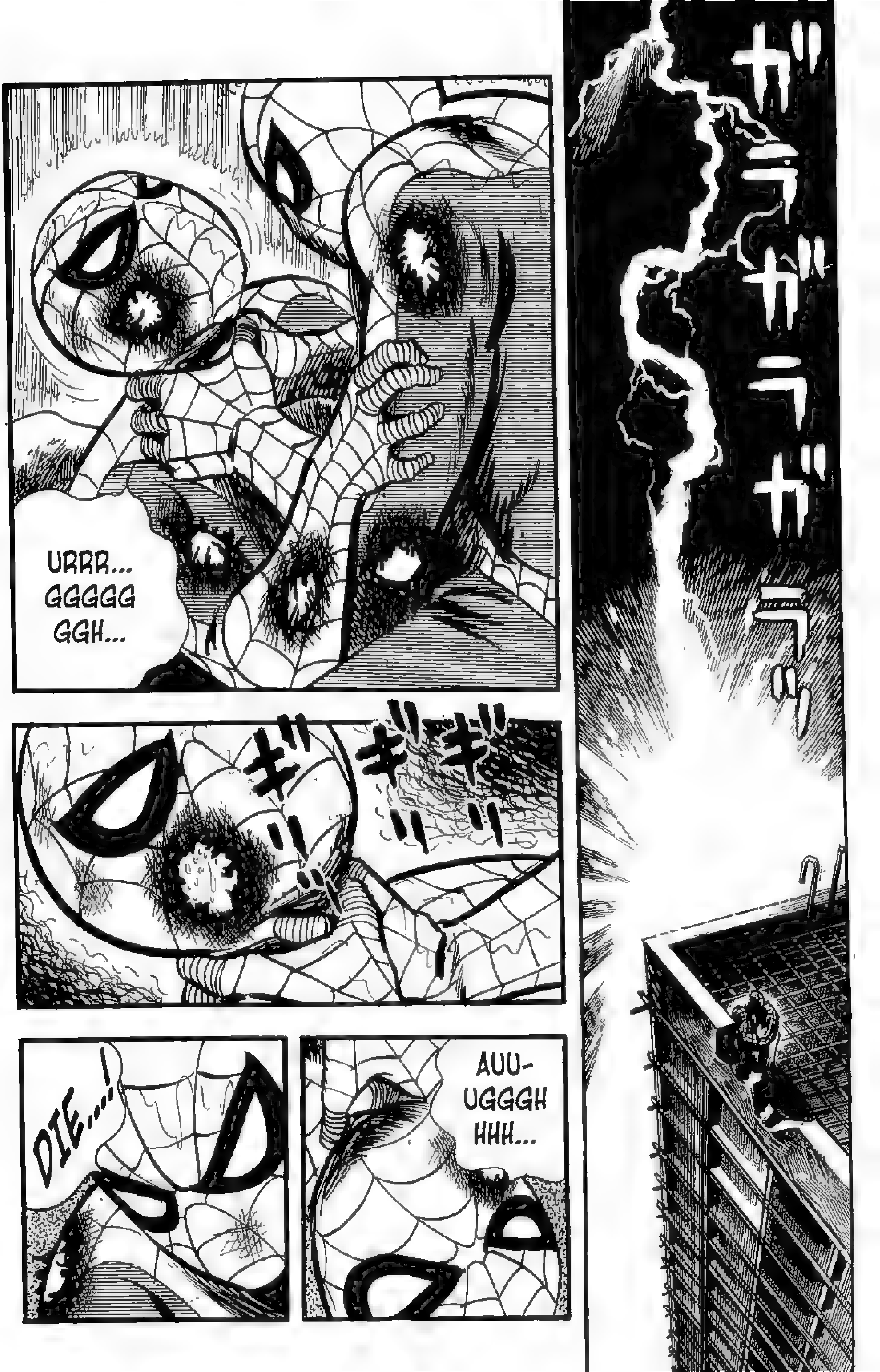
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URRR... GGGGG GGH...
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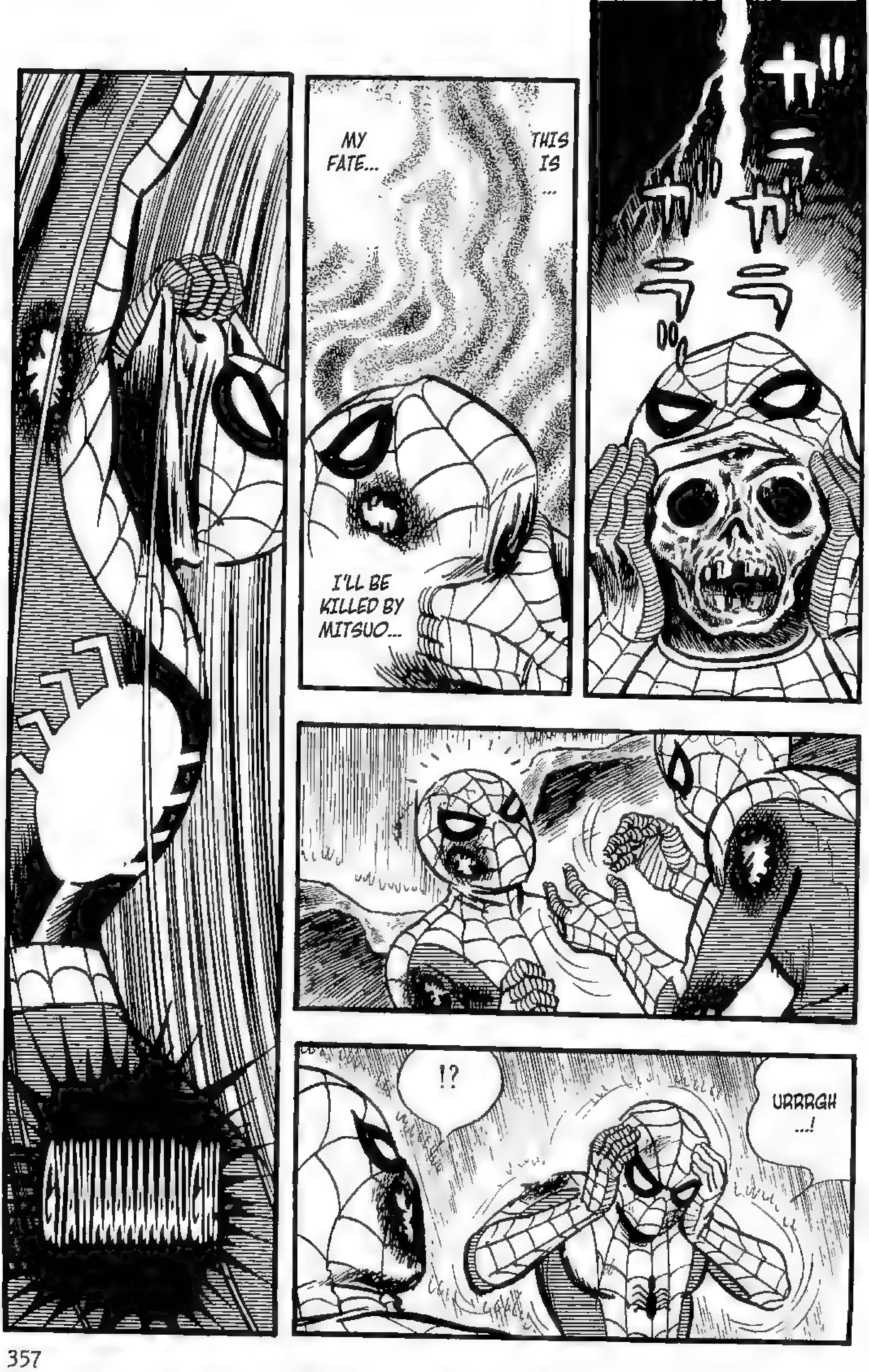
AUU-UGGGH HHH...
DIE...!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THIS IS ...
MY FATE...
I'LL BE KILLED BY MITSUO...
URRRGH ...!
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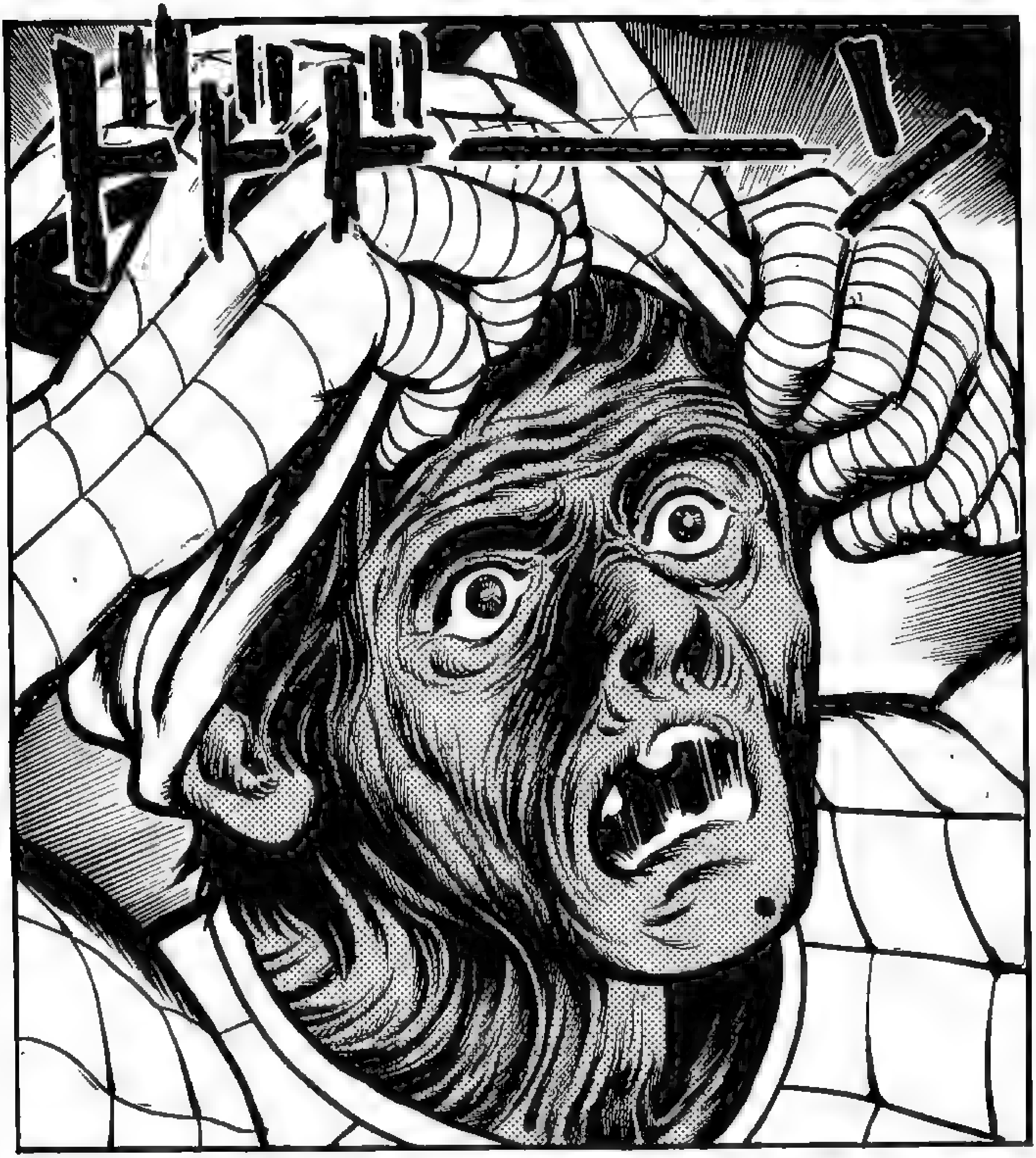
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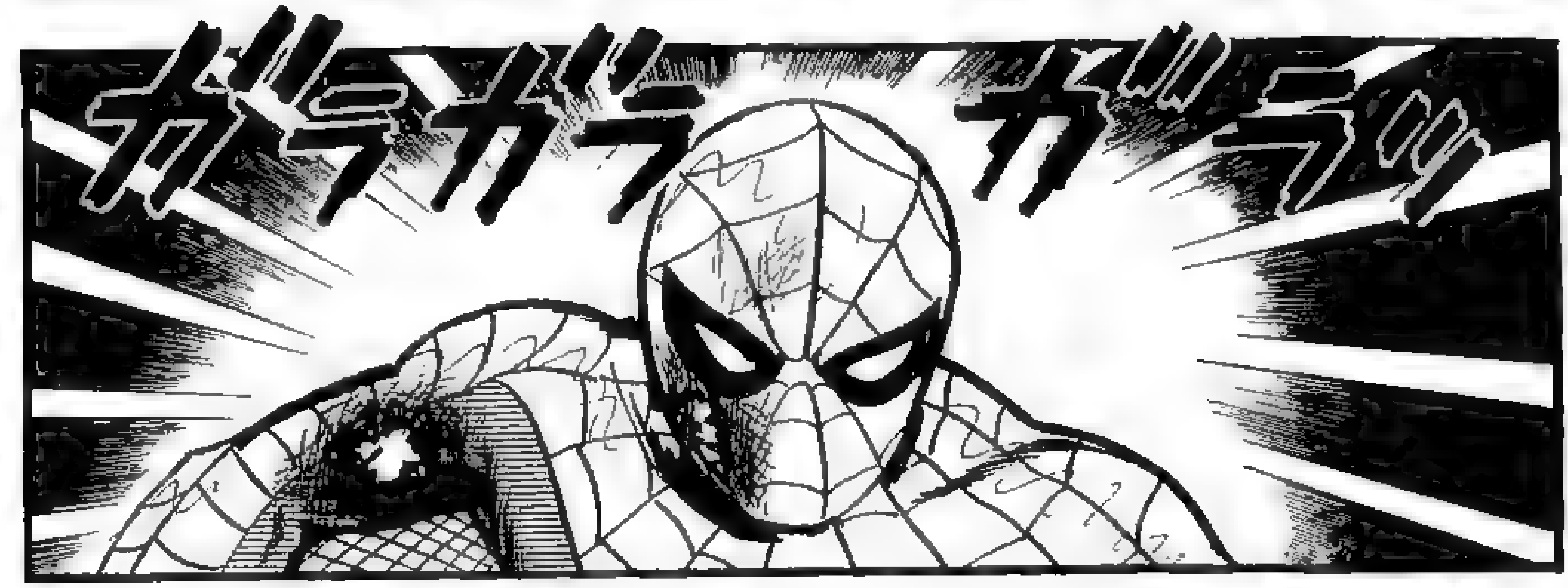
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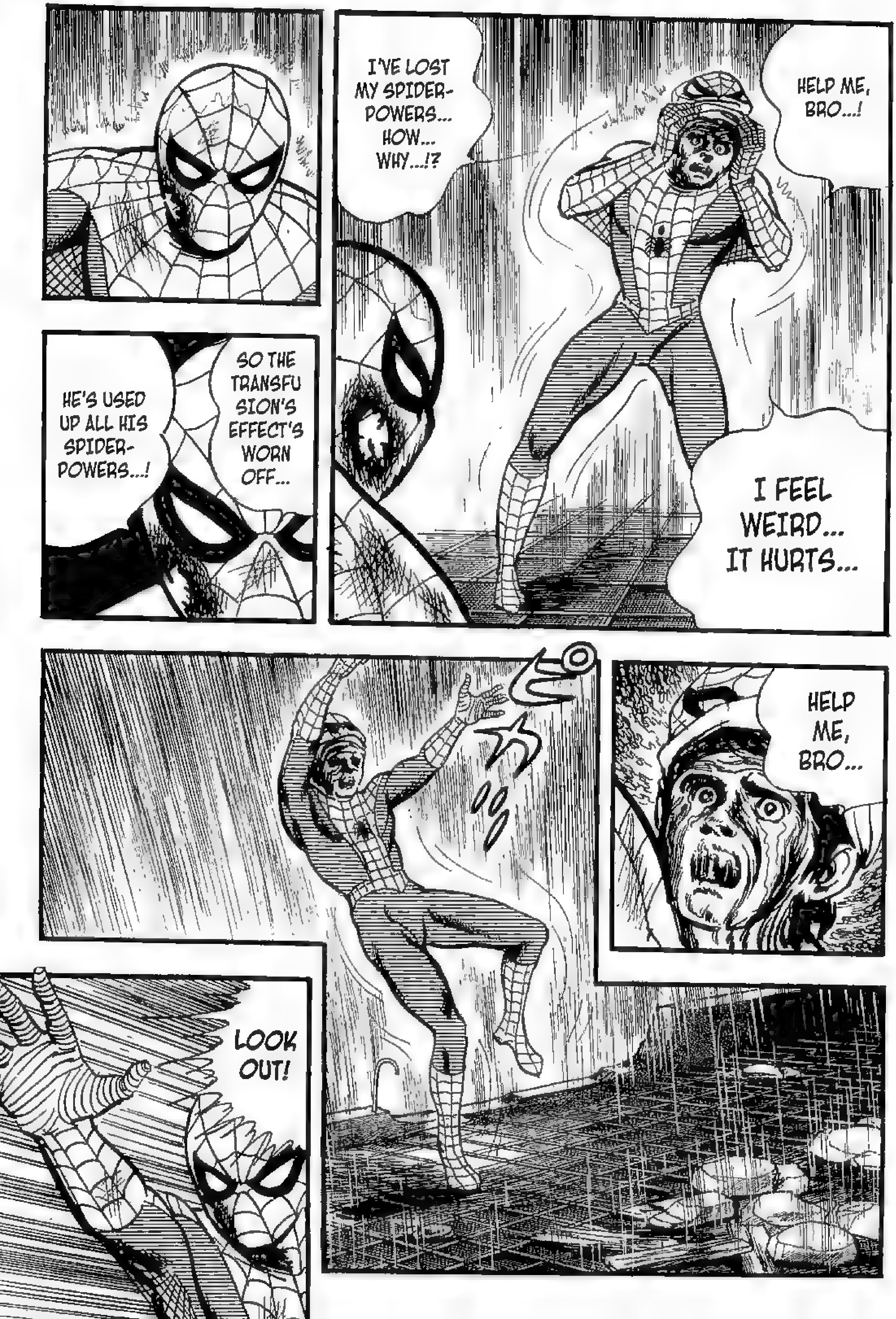
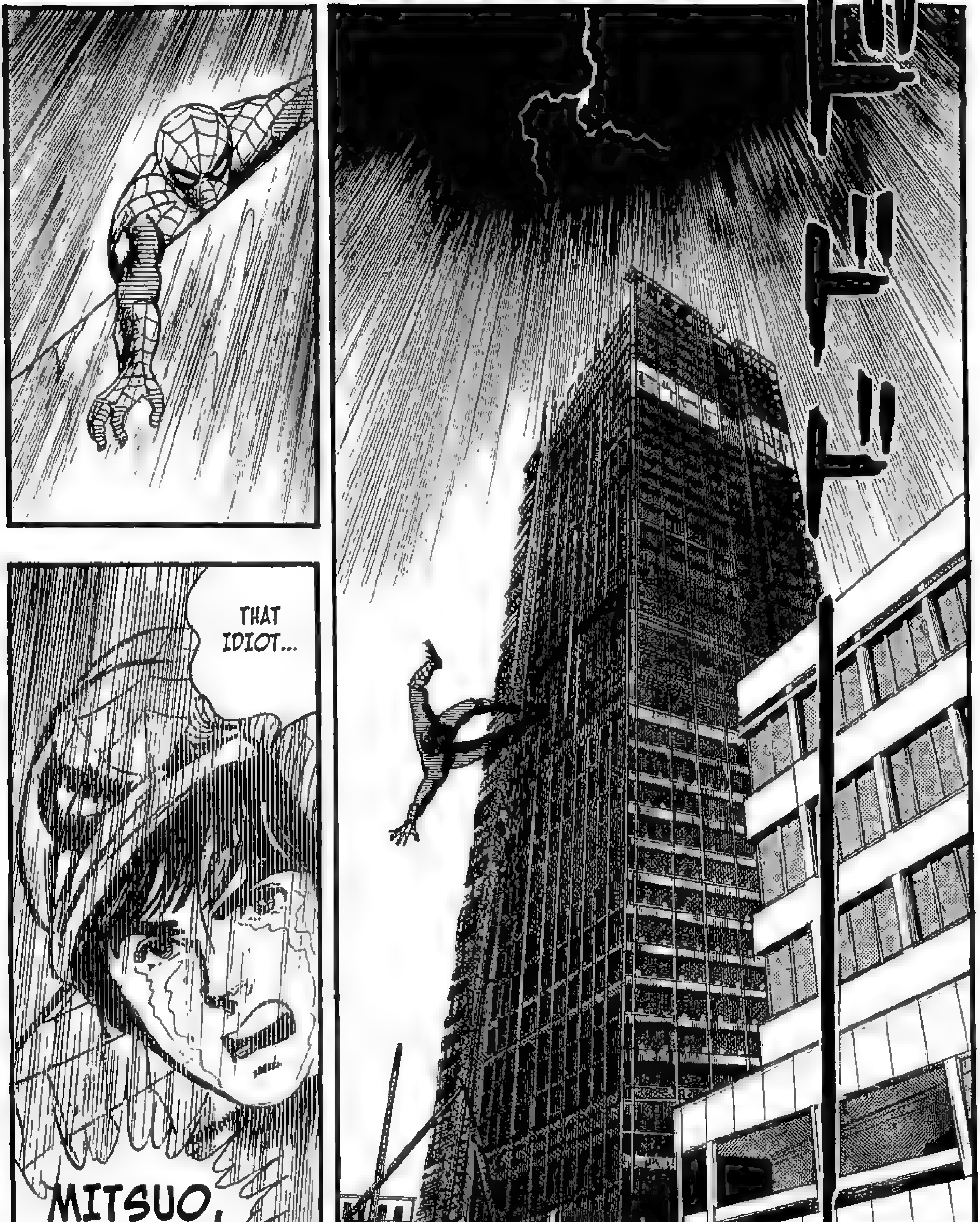

HELP ME, BRO...!
I'VE LOST MY SPIDER-POWERS... HOW... WHY...!?
I FEEL WEIRD... IT HURTS...
SO THE TRANSFUSION'S EFFECT'S WORN OFF...
HE'S USED UP ALL HIS SPIDER-POWERS...!
HELP ME, BRO...
LOOK OUT!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THAT IDIOT...
MITSUO, YOU IDIOT! YOU GODDAMN IDIOT!

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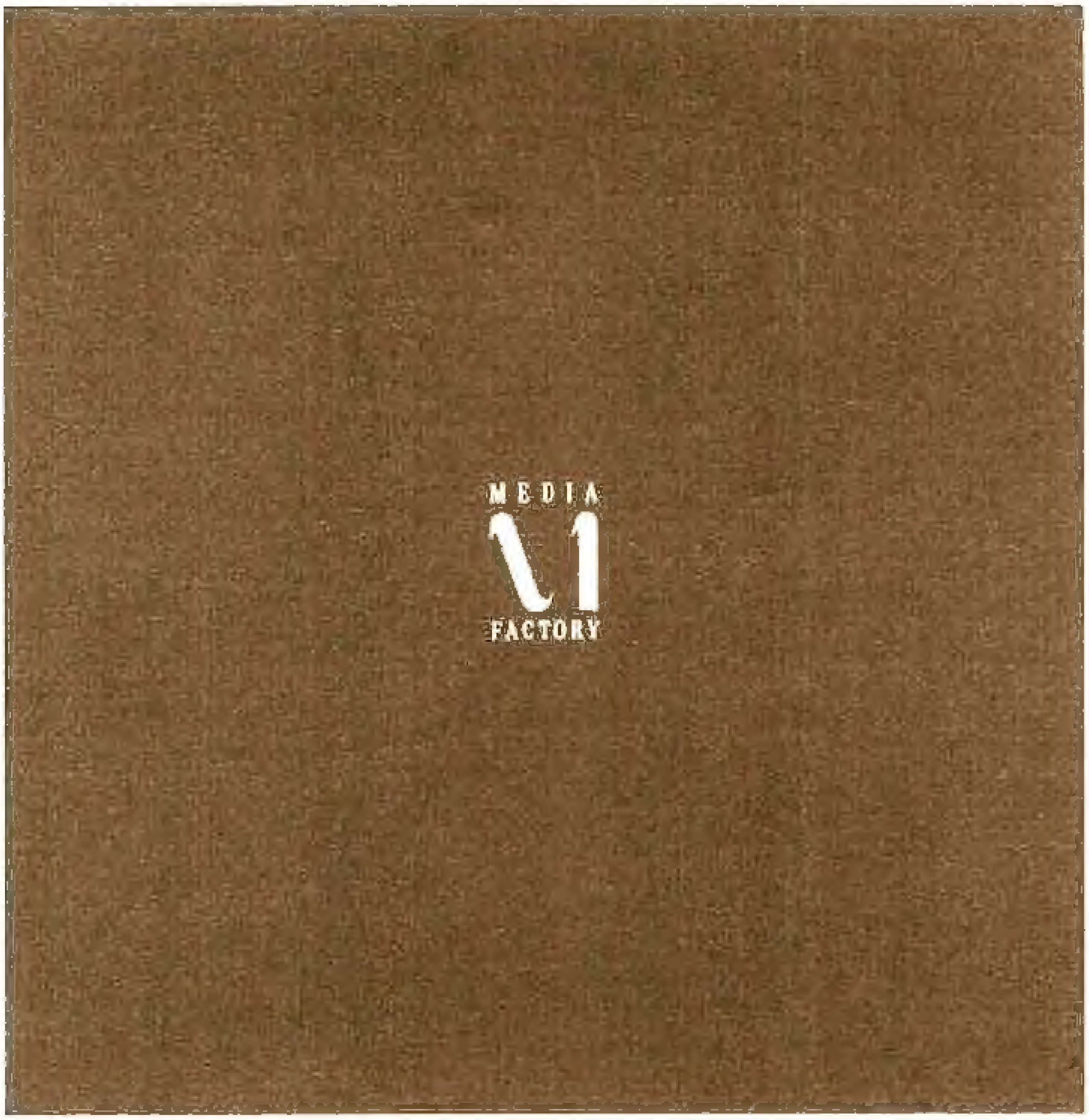
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